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2015-2016 Goals

\$125,000 for the Ladder of Smiles

Increased Participation from all Bands

Increased ASOB Presence at Regional Functions

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PRESIDENT Jeff Moores

I am very honored to have been elected to serve this Association as its President for the 2015 - 2016 year. Our association has so many

great people doing the good work of Shriners International and the Shriners Hospital for Children. It is humbling to know that those same people have the confidence in me and my officers to carry this association forward for the coming year. I know with the support of the Officers, the Past Presidents and the nobility we can have another very successful year.

First I would like to congratulate Dave McCarthy on a great year. It was a very successful year for the Ladder of Smiles with over \$80,000 raised for our Hospitals. This past year was also an important step forward for the A.S.O.B as the Executive Committee put into motion our Action Plan to ensure that the Association will survive and continue to strive. I would personally like to say to Dave, "Job well done, my friend."

I would also like to congratulate the Khiva Oriental Band on a great performance at the Opening Ceremonies this year in Houston. This was great exposure for all of our Oriental Bands and maybe there were some Divan representatives from Shrine Centers that don't have an Oriental Band that might realize how much fun and excitement having an Oriental Band can be.

On a personal note concerning me, I recently took a new job in South Florida and have relocated closer to my father. It is good to be back in Florida, even if I am working quite a bit right now. I will remain a member

of Melha Oriental Band, as they are a great group of Nobles and Ladies that understand what our Fraternity and Philanthropy are all about. I have also re-affiliated with Amara Shriners and will be joining that Oriental Band as well.

I would like to congratulate our new slate of Officers for this year. First, I would like to thank Mahlon Hariu for his years of dedicated service as the Secretary/Treasurer. Mahlon decided this year that due to personal issues, he would not seek re-election. Past President Don Moores has agreed to step in as our Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. Noble Don has a financial background and will be a great asset to the association for years to come. I would also like to welcome Nobles Harry Pressman, who was elected 3rd Vice President and Illustrious Sir Darren DeHass, who was elected Sgt. at Arms, to our elected line. I am proud to have such a fine line of officers to work with as we work on the challenges that face our association.

These officers along with the Past Presidents will continue to work on the Action Plan of this association. We will be having another fall planning session similar to what we did last year. I still haven't firmed up the specifics of this meeting yet, but will very shortly.

I have set a very large goal for Ladder of Smiles this year. Having worked in the business world for the last 25 years, I have learned concepts like "Possibility Thinking". I am employing the concept of the "BHAG" or Big Hairy Audacious Goal. The idea is that when you set goals that are easily achievable, the results are just the same as what you expect. However, when you employ the thinking that anything is possible, you challenge yourself and those around you to develop new ideas and ways to achieve the goal. For that reason I have set a goal this year of \$125,000.

Along with that goal, I am running a fund raiser this year. I commissioned a local Connecticut artist, Carla Waclawski, to create an original piece of Oriental Band artwork. I am quite proud of it and think it came out beautifully. They were very well received in Houston. I have them available in two sizes, 11" x 17" for \$25 or 18" x 24" for \$50. I am crediting each individual's Oriental Band with the Ladder of Smiles contribution. Also at the end of the year, I am going to raffle off the framed copy that I have. For every \$50 contribution to the Ladder of Smiles, your band will get a chance to win the beautifully framed and matted copy that I have. There is an order form that can be found elsewhere in this issue.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for the great support that I have received over the years and look forward to seeing everyone very soon as I begin my travels this year. We have such a fine association with so many great people, it is such a pleasure to serve this association as its President.

Yours in the Faith,
Jeff Moores



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Tom Crow

What an Imperial Session we had in Houston. It kicked off with a great performance from the Khiva Oriental Band

to open the Session. Then we had an impressive Oriental Band competition with six bands that represented all four sizes of the categories. We had one small band, one unlimited band, 2 medium bands and 2 large bands,

all of which made for a great morning parade and fantasy competition. It has been some time since we had that many bandsmen at one competition.

I would like to welcome to the ASOB our three new officers, 3rd V.P. Harry Pressman, Sergeant At Arms Darren DeHass and our ASOB Past President Don Moores as Secretary/Treasurer. With these new officers we have strengthened our entire organization which will only make us more viable in the future. We also have to remember Mahlon for all the work he has done for this organization. He has spent tireless hours working for the betterment of ASOB and has been a valuable resource for the officers. I know that Don will do a great job and ASOB will move forward with his dedication and hard work.

I want to congratulate President Jeff Moores on being elected to President of ASOB. President Jeff hit the ground running with fund raising for the Ladder of Smiles and setting a lofty goal of \$125,000.00 for the Ladder of Smiles. I know this is a goal that can be reached with his drive and enthusiasm when we get behind him.

I would like to take time to thank Past President Dave and his Lady Sandy for the service to ASOB. They have gone above and beyond for ASOB and they should be proud of the job they have done. I would also like to thank his Presidents Aids Ron Perkins and Kenny Mattoon and their Ladies for all their hard work as they provided a wonderful hospitality room for all the bandsmen and their ladies. They made sure it was a fun place just to sit and swap band stories. The food was fantastic and the adult beverages were just what the doctor ordered, cold and plentiful.

We are starting to work on plans for Jamboree to be held in the central part of the US in the spring of 2017. Our hope is that this could be used to prep bands for their regional association competition. We will be getting more info out about this as it becomes available. This could be a great time to

meet bandsmen and have a great time all in one weekend.

Please send the officers any competition dates, mid-winters, or other important events that are being held by your associations or bands. We would like to attend as many of them as we can. We have officers that are willing to come to help any way we can.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
Chris Tsaros

Greetings All, One of the strategic focus areas for the ASOB executive is to improve the quality and level of

our communications to our members, other stakeholders within the Shriner organization, and the public at large.

In order to fulfill on the promise of better quality communications we are appealing to our membership to help us fill the position of Communications Director. Please consult the advert in this edition of the Na Khabar, (page 29). If you are a currently employed communications professional or are retired from this vocation please get in touch with me to discuss how you get engaged in this endeavor. We would also consider those candidates who may not have a professional designation but feel that they possess many of the talents described.

With your help and participation can help your association be a better communicator. I can be reached at christsaros@gmail.com.

Fraternal Regards
Chris Tsaros, 2nd VP



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
Harry Pressman

The Imperial Session in Houston was a big success. Although the Oriental Bands who attended had a different

venue, we had an excellent session under the leadership of President David McCarthy. Being new to the line, I was in the dark as to the workings of the executive committee, so I can't report on what took place other than the President-Elect, Jeff Moores, stated that there will be no selected Fantasy tune for 2015-2016. Each band can play whatever song they please as long as it is in the ASOB library and that song WILL be played last in the bands program.

The Khiva Oriental band was asked to open the Imperial Session and did a magnificent job. Although they were not permitted to wear their costumes, they gave a rousing performance. Our hospitality room, maned by Moslah band and their ladies really outdid themselves. Plenty to eat and drink. Our parade competition took place in the parking lot of our hotel followed by the Fantasy competition in the ballroom (a tight squeeze for Khiva). As usual, Khiva, under the direction of Joe Brewton, won the BEST BAND award. The Moslah Band definitely made their presence known with a spectacular show.

That's all for now. I'm looking forward to meeting all and will do my best to try and attend as many association get-togethers as possible.





**SERGEANT
AT ARMS**
Darren
DeHass

I have done a lot of amazing things in my short Shriner career, and once again I find myself embarking

on another great adventure. A month after elections I am still feeling that excitement of working with a group of men with such diverse backgrounds for the good of what we all have in common. We are **"Bandsmen"**!

What a tremendous experience I had in Houston, meeting so many of you and each of you making me feel so welcome. I hope we all can make our new Nobles feel that welcome. I have done some Shrine traveling over the last few years and nothing gets the conversation flowing easier than finding that the person that you have just met is also a bandsman.

I would like to thank the voting delegates for bestowing such a wonderful opportunity and privilege. I look forward to working with this line of officers to help influence the direction of our organization. I promise to work hard to prove to each of you that your confidence in me is not misplaced. I truly believe that we are here to serve you, the membership. I hope that each of the bands get involved and add your voice to any ASOB discussion. Ultimately it is you who are affected by any of the decisions that are made.

It is really good to see such a strong showing and support from the Past Presidents of the ASOB. You staying active and involved proves your level of commitment to this association. I look forward to getting to know each of you better and learning from your experiences. Even after a short time amongst you, I can see just how well respected each of you are and know that it is your leadership and devotion to the ASOB that has allowed this

organization to stay strong. I know that it is hard to get to know the officers of any association, unless you happen to live in close proximity, so I am going to do my best to show who I am through my articles in this publication. I am an open person, so I encourage everyone if they want to know something about me or what I think, ask. Phone calls, emails, text messages or even Facebook will give you access to me. Pull me aside at an association meeting, I do like to converse and want to get to know you as well.

One of my biggest beliefs is that communication is key to any organization flourishing. I also know that it is one of the hardest things to accomplish. The present leadership have been working on plans to improve in this area and I commit to you to help extend that communication. I do want to impress upon you that communication has to be a two way street and you as the Oriental Bands need to let us know what you need from us and let us know how we are doing in our endeavors. Please use the resources that have been given to you, and for those that are a bit more tech savvy help those members of your band that may be a little more tech challenged so they can benefit too. The website and Facebook in particular can move us from just an organization to a **community** if everyone would get on board and support the effort. It gives us an opportunity to communicate through pictures and words what we are all up to and to become familiar with each other no matter the distance. Communities help and support each other and work together to become stronger. In that strength we can grow.

A little about me. I hail from Al Bedoo Temple in Billings, Montana. My band is steeped in tradition and folklore, many of you will understand that statement. I have been fortunate to find my place in Shrinedom and I am a Bandsmen through and through. I want to thank my band for all of the support they have given to me in my

adventures. As the immediate Past Potentate of my Temple, they were my biggest supporters, only surpassed by my beautiful wife Timmie-Lynn.

I truly could not do any of this without my wife's love and support and I want to take a moment to say "Thank you" to her as well. It is Timmie-Lynn that introduced me to Masonry and we both are very active in our organizations.

Well now it is time to roll up the sleeves and get to work. It is a good thing that the work of Bandsmen is heavily dosed with FUN! Until next time.

Es salam alaikum, my brothers!



**SECRETARY
TREASURER**
Don Moores

Greetings Nobles from the awesome State of Florida where the weather is warm and humid. I have just returned,

as most of you have, from Houston and a great convention coordinated by Past President David McCarthy and Lady Sandy, assisted by the great group of Oriental Bandsmen from Moslah. The Parade and Fantasy Competitions went very well. The winners will be mentioned in the other articles by the appropriate officers.

As we move into a new phase of the A.S.O.B. we started an A.S.O.B. Strategic Plan for the development of the plans for the association as we move into the future. The primary goal is to develop a plan of action as we march forward.

In Houston the slate of officers was elected going forward into 2015-2016, and hopefully further the association's longevity. The new Officers are: Noble Jeff Moores, President, (Melha); Noble Tom Crow, 1st Vice-President, (Moslah); Noble Chris Tsaros, 2nd Vice-President (Al Azhar); Noble Harry

Pressman, 3rd Vice-President, (Arabia); Ill. Sir Darren DeHass, PP, Sergeant-at-Arms, (Al Bedoo); Past President Don Moores, Secretary/Treasurer, (Amara). These officers were installed at the Incoming President's Luncheon by Imperial Sir Ralph Semb, (Melha). Imp. Sir Ralph did an outstanding job installing our new officers for the Shrine Year 2015-2016 with a very impressive Installation Ritual.

I want to personally thank our outstanding Past Secretary/Treasurer for the job he has done for the last ten years. Best wishes to Ill. Sir Mahlon Hariu and Lady Joanne and we hope to see them at Imperial Council Conventions for many years to come. We are in the process to getting started transferring information and data from Pennsylvania to Florida.

This fall the dues notices will go out to all current bands and to as many of the other bands of which we are aware. This will occur after Mahlon and I have been able to communicate the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer. I will certainly have big shoes to follow as Ill. Sir Mahlon has been a very capable and a great asset to our association for the last ten years. Ill. Sir Mahlon was granted the title of Emeritus for his years of service and we wish him great success.

I will be available at the address and phone numbers listed on the Elected and Appointed Officers page of this issue.

Aleikum Es Selam

APPOINTMENTS



LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN
Michael Hartup

Another A.S.O.B. year has ended and a new one has started. Past President David McCarthy (a/k/a

the Pissy Texan) had a great year. His goal was to raise \$80,000.00 and Imp. Sir Ralph Semb accepted \$86,039.29 from YOU and the Ladder of Smiles.



The A.S.O.B. also took a step forward, having two executive council meetings in the Ft. Worth area, working on how the A.S.O.B. could better serve its membership.

Imperial Session in Houston saw two new members elected to the board, Sgt. at Arms Darren DeHass from Al Bedoo Shriners in Billings, Montana, Third Vice President Harry Pressman from Arabia Shriners in Houston, Texas, and as Secretary/Treasurer Don Moores (Past President of A.S.O.B.). I know all of these men will bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our great organization. All the other officers advanced and Jeff Moores was elected as president.

President Jeff announced that his Ladder of Smiles goal is \$125,000.00. Although it sounds like a lofty goal it can be reached with the help of **each** bandsman, his lady, his band, regional organization and even friends and family. President Jeff started the ball rolling by designing a poster (suitable for framing) featuring an oriental band and Imperial Session next year in Tampa. He has two sizes printed and the proceeds will go to the Ladder of Smiles with your band getting the credit for the sale. I'm sure President Jeff has all the information in this issue of the Na Khabar. That is just a start and with your help, we can make this lofty goal a reality.

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

I bid you peace...
Mike

AMBASSADORS



CENTRAL STATES
Rick Moody

Greetings from the bands of Central States. I hope everyone has had a wonderful, parade filled summer. It is really important

that the Oriental Bands parade because in many cases, we are the highlight of the parade. What great ambassadors we are to the fraternity that has helped over a million children live a better life since its inception.

The Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) competition is in Golden, Colorado, this year, August 27th-30th. This should be a great event and usually we can always count on ASOB Officers to be the official judges. Unfortunately, my band, Arab, will be unable to attend this year. We are having a few growing or lack of growing pains this year. We will be back and look forward to competing again soon.

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

Yours in the Faith,
Rick



FLORIDA
Robert E. Stihler

The summer has been rather slow, as most of the Bands go dark during July and August. Hopefully with the cool crisp Fall breezes (?), we'll get back

on the band wagon ... so to speak.

Although the May FSOBA Convention at Sahib Shrine Center was not as well attended as hoped, those of us who did participate had a very enjoyable time. A **BIG** Fez-full of thanks to FSOBA President Paul (The Greek) Pante, FSOBA Treasurer Floyd LaDue, and all the members of the Great Sahib Band for an outstanding effort.

Due to "Father Time's" ailments creeping up on some of the members of Egypt's Tong #54, they had to forgo the presentation of the Mandarin Degree at the Convention. However, the Tong from Araba stepped in and gave an outstanding degree... Ah Sooo!

On a sad note, former Band Director of Sahib Oriental Band, Harry Falck, was visited by the Black Camel on 5/18/2015 and was called to The Great Oriental Band in the sky. He will be sorely missed.

Some members of Egypt Oriental Band will be attending a Table Lodge Dinner at Hillsborough Lodge 25 on September 1, 2015. This will be the fifteenth annual dinner, originally started by PM Walter Schoepf, who, along with Bro Karl Degiacomi have been preparing magnificent dinners for all these years. By the way, Bros Karl and Walter are members of the Egypt Band, and Walter is also the Master of Ceremonies of Tong #54.

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

BAND NEWS

Abdallah
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Well it was hot, sticky and crowded at the Lenexa, KS, 2015 Community Days 4th of July Parade, one of the largest

Abdallah Shriners of Overland Park, KS, participates. The crowd comes out in mass and the OB has many of its members coming out to parade. The Band has participated in five parades since our last posting, but Lenexa, KS, is one of our largest.

Once in a while the Abdallah has a scheduling problem and this year the Band will not make an appearance at the annual ASOBCS (Association of Oriental Band of Central States in Golden, CO). BUT that means we will be at the Bonner Springs, KS, Tiblow Days Parade, one of our other huge parades. Other than that, the only thing to report is it is hot and rainy in Kansas.



Abdallah Oriental Band Mascot handler Ed 'Fezzy' Harvey making sure Seroyia is ready for the Lenexa, KS, 2015 Community Days Fourth of July Parade..



Abdallah Parade Marshal Don Marah atop a patriotic Seroyia keeping the crowd cool.



Lenexa, KS, 2015 Community Days Fourth of July Parade Abdallah Oriental Band, (l2r), Ed 'Fezzy' Harvey, W. Richard Sobek, Gregg Loeser, Jody Hines, Les Volentine, PP Gary Bennett, Roy Samuel, Jimmie Facklam, PP Don Best, Bill 'Not the Actor' Murray, Jamie Thornton.

Yours in Faith,
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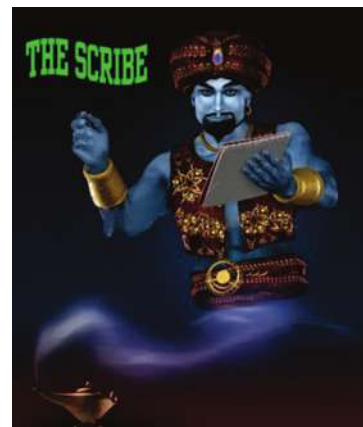


News (and various links to videos of our performances) from the Aleppo Oriental band may be found at our website which is located at:

<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,



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It has been a couple of years since we have sent an article to the Na Khabar, so here goes a new era. The Oriental Band has been on a downturn for several years and are at a membership low we have not experienced in my memory. The band has five members, one of which is an Honorary Life Member, no longer a member of Amara Shriners, Herb Wizansky. Herb and Zel moved back to New Jersey several years ago, and demitted to Crescent Shriners in New Jersey. He was one of our most active members over the years and therefore, we still consider him one of our members.

Another Life Member of the band is the former Director, Donald Dunham, who now lives in the Birmingham, Alabama, area. Several years ago, he and Lady Betty left Florida at the request of his two daughters, who live in Birmingham. They wanted them to be closer to them so they could assist them. Don celebrated his 103rd birthday on December 1, 2014, and is the oldest member of Amara Shriners. I talk to Don every couple of months in the Assisted Living Facility where he lives. The last time I talked to him he said he was doing aerobics three days a week and going dancing once each week.

We are lucky to have a new member of the band to report. Jeff Moores, recently took a new job in Stuart, FL, and has become an Associate Member of Amara Shriners, where he was originally created. As you know Jeff is the 2015-2016 President of the A.S.O.B., also a member of Melha Shriners and Oriental Band.

We are very happy to have Jeff back in Florida, maybe we can do something to increase our band and get back to participating in more parades.

We have several "inactive" members who have moved, no longer living in our area, so they can no longer participate.

Our last parade was the south Florida Fair parade where we had four participants, one of which was Noble Jim High, Karnak Shriners, who spends the winters in Juno Beach, with his Lady, Kathleen.

Yours in the Faith

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As previously written, Bahia Oriental Band continues to be "dim," but we have occasional "called meetings" to discuss items of interest.

The Band hosted the June 4th Stated Meeting Dinner. As always, President (and Chief Chef), Millard Smith put forth another delicious dinner. With the help of some of the members of the Directors Staff, corraled by President Smith, the dinner was again a success.

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

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Unfortunately, the Band was not able to participate in the May FSA/FSOBA Convention at Sahib Shrine Center nor at the June 2015 Ceremonial, so the new Nobles were not able to enjoy our melodic melodies, the BEST music this side of Heaven.

Some of the Band members will be attending the Table Lodge dinner

presented by Hillsborough Lodge #25 on September 1, 2015. This will be the 15th annual dinner, which was started by PM Walter Schoepf, and he and Bro Karl Degiacomi have always prepared seven course gourmet meals. Bros Schoepf and Degiacomi are members of the Band. Many will remember, years ago, the Oriental Band room was the most attended Ceremonial Showcase of Units due to Walter and Karl's lavish food displays.

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

Khiva

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Our summer has been mercifully cooler and much moister than years past. In fact, the word is we are 14 inches above our normal rainfall. So the usually arid Texas Panhandle is very green like all of Texas now and currently water stands in the yards, fields, creeks, playas, and lakes. We are so thankful for this especially when we watch the on-going drought and horrific wild fires in the West. We have certainly been in that situation before and know that we are blessed with what is actually an end to five years of drought. The last days of summer are officially here with Labor Day. Hopefully the rains will continue to bless us through our fall & Winter (maybe not so much of the frozen stuff though).

Our practices went well this year and they continued through June after we returned from All-State to prepare for Imperial Competition which has slightly different rules and requirements. By air or vehicle, we made the long, arduous trip, even by Texas standards, to our Texas Shrine Association competition in Corpus Christi. There, we honed socializing and other skills in our great hospitality

room which overlooked beautiful Corpus Christi Bay. Our hospitality room crew and its organizers (Lloyd & Diane Seitz) are to be highly praised. Our host hotel, the Omni, was very accommodating and centrally located to the convention center and the many bay front attractions. Our day of competition was rather easy-going as we did not have any challengers in our class size. Despite that, we performed to the best of our abilities and enjoyed sharing our show with the crowd. Our Divan and Ladies were there cheering us on as always and we appreciate their support all through the summer. Someone has remarked that our director's "Thunderstick" had a lot of smoke, a little spark and an even smaller bang at the end of our performance. I guess that can happen to anyone. What is noticeable is the fact that the Oriental Band competitions are usually well attended and this was no exception this year. We left with honors and in anticipation of Imperial Competition which would be a month later and some 200 miles up the coastline.

The TASOB breakfast/meeting, that weekend, saw the passing of the old guard and in with the new. A big THANK YOU goes to Past President Moe Rahmeh and his Secretary/Treasurer Gerald Ledbetter for their leadership and the very successful 2015 Mid-Winter they put on in Granbury, Texas. Our new 2015-2016 President, Mike Pinson, of Khiva has suckered yours truly into a year of being his Secretary/Treasurer. Our Second Vice-President is Bill Nanes of Alzafar Oriental Band and the Third Vice-President is the newly elected Les Crawley of Sharon Oriental Band. What fun we are going to have!

Our Band was honored by the request from **Imperial Sir, Jerry Gant**, to perform at the Sunday Imperial Session Public Opening. That Sunday, we journeyed together by bus some 10 miles north of the ASOB Marriott, to the Hilton Americas, the Imperial Hotel, across from the huge

George Brown Convention Center. The Khiva Camel effigy, fresh off the Temple float, greeted us upon arrival in the lobby we piled into. We chilled out until the time came for the long walk into the big room. Along the way, we stopped to warm up with a few numbers and that drew a lot of attention from the pedestrians. From the look of the enormity of seats, there was no apparent way the room would be near full. As we waited to muster at the back, those seats quickly filled. Eventually, there had to have been close to 1,500 souls, heck maybe more, ready for the festivities to start. Quickly, we formed at the back and were introduced and the party started. It all was so surreal and it seemed to go so quickly. Three large video screens focused on the Band and that must have given our Caliph a unique perspective from where he stood. Being in front, my eyes attempted to evaluate any feedback or lack of from the first two or three rows of spectators. It seemed that many were sitting on their hands and were quite wide-eyed during our first few numbers. It wasn't until our familiar "Khiva Medley" of Hava Nagila, that brought some to their feet with clapping. As we started the last song, Luanlu, many were going about it as like the First Lady of Shrinedom, Lady Lisa Gant. And just as we finished, many in the audience, were shed of their inhibitions, and seemed to trust that we were not a group of extremists but just an Oriental Band there to entertain the throng. Our Director Joe then picked his stick up off the floor, glanced toward the ceiling that must have been at least 30 feet, and slammed it down on its end as a loud report and resulting smoke exploded from the golden bird's tail feathers on the other end (very un-benign this time). The listeners that were still in their seats lurched involuntarily and looked at each other for explanation. We then marched off and headed back to the hotel across the street. Again, it was too surreal to notice anything other than people clapping as we marched out of the room.

Competition the next day started early in the parking lot with the parades before the daily Gulf Coast steam bath kicked in. Then we moved to a ballroom for the concert portion. There, it was so interesting seeing and hearing the different Bands that traveled far to be a part of fantasy. The ASOB hospitality room was very well appointed and President McCarthy's minions did a great job keeping it that way. The McCarthys deserve thanks for their dedication to and all the relief now available with their retirement from the ASOB line. Tuesday night was the awards banquet but some (like myself) had committed to ride our Temple float in the Imperial Night Parade through downtown Houston. That turned out to be fun and cooler than I expected. Those July days in Houston were well spent and this was just another great reason "to be in the Band."

A few weeks later, the Band staged a celebratory "Mexican pile-on" party at the Seitz residence and we had a good turnout with about 70 people. That night we recognized, shared and celebrated our latest triumphs. Our director ruminated that the Band now has amassed 14 Imperial wins and he was just full of pride to have been a part of it. I think that most of us share that. It's a good thing that this kind of year only comes every so often for the Band. I am not sure that we all can go through this on a regular basis. But what a year it's been – so far.

till next time,
the scribe



*Another beautiful morning
on Corpus Christi Bay*



ASOB Hospitality Room at Imperial



One more goal accomplished



*The George Brown in Houston-
big & getting bigger*



*ASOB outgoing President Dave
McCarthy at the TSA Parade*



*Our Sultan Robert Downing (L) must
have heard another stale one in the
hospitality suite*



*The Imperial pre-concert mixer
was a success*



*Bands wait for the start of Imperial
Parade Competition in Houston*



*Our TSA Hotel on the left
as seen from the bay*



KOB backstage at Imperial Session 2015



Setting it straight for the rookie



*KOB brings up the rear
at the parade competition*



*Khiva Oriental Band at
TSA concert competition*



Louisiana is ready for the parade!



*The room begins to fill
at opening ceremonies*



*Unbecoming things happen to those
that forget their Band attire*

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Greetings Nobles!

Many of you know that the Medinah Oriental Band was the original Oriental Band in all of Shrinedom. We were established in 1899 and have been continuously in existence since that time. That's the good news. Here's the great news – we are still building on that tradition!

On Monday, May 25, 2015, we participated in the Wauconda Memorial Day Parade. We shared the Medinah

Brass Band's float, and, under the able direction of Brother Nobles Howard Giesen (Oriental Band) and Chuck Masny (Brass Band), the crowds were amazed and delighted with the quality and quantity of music that we all performed. It threatened rain all morning, but the sun came out just as the parade stepped off and a grey overcast morning turned into a glorious sunny day. (We all know that it never rains on a Medinah parade.) After the parade, hot dogs, brats, and "camel's milk" were served at the "Medinah Afterglow," held at the Wauconda American Legion post. What a great parade!

Then on Sunday, June 28, 2015, we participated in the Geneva Swedish Days Parade. Again we shared the Medinah Brass Band's float and partook of the "Medinah Afterglow" feast. Our next outings will be held during the 4th of July holiday. We will be participating in the Niles, Skokie, and Morton Grove parades. We're looking forward to more fun, frivolity, and frolic.

The band is in the process of learning another new tune – "Scotland The Brave." It is a Scottish patriotic song and one of several songs considered an unofficial national anthem of Scotland. It utilizes the full range of our instruments and is a test of every musette player's ability and dexterity. We're working hard to make it one of our regular selections.

As always, our practices continue on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of every month. We're always looking for new members. You don't even have to know how to play an instrument! We will teach you how to play the musette (snake charmer horn), the drums, or the cymbals and we will provide the instrument; all you have to do is show up with an enthusiastic attitude and a willingness to learn! Call our director, Brother Noble Howard Giesen at (773) 339-2335 for more information.

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Another Imperial Session behind us! Writing this article with two hat's in mind. First as immediate past president of A.S.O.B. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Oriental Band community for pushing us over the top of the Ladder of Smiles Goal of \$80,000.00. I am happy to report the final number was \$86,039.29. This is only possible with your involvement and generosity for our Shrine Hospitals. Thank each and every one of you so much. I'm reasonably sure that we can put this past year in the success column. In recognition of the "Top" Band in donations for 2014-2015 again goes to El Karubah Shrine Oriental Band from Shreveport, LA, with a grand sum of \$10, 647.00. Great job guys and my personal thanks and tip of the fez to each and every one of you.

In July at Imperial we had 6 Oriental Bands present and competing in parade and fantasy competitions and wowing the crowd. A highlight to view was Khiva Oriental Band doing the public opening ceremonies at the Brown Center. This I believe really helped to put the Oriental Band community in the spot light. It is now up to the membership at large to get out there and beat the bushes for new members in your shrine temples. Membership recruitment is the biggest thing facing our OB community this day. At a minimum we need to find our own replacement even if we still have a few "good" years left in us. Support your respective Associations. Just participate! You know you will have fun while supporting our hospitals.

Secondly I would like to express my thanks to the folks from my own Moslah Shrine Oriental Band that were invaluable during the Imperial Session. My Chief Aide Ron Perkins Sr. and his Lovely Lady Sherri thank you both so

much. Assisting them was Noble Ken Mattoon and his Lady Jimmie Kaye. Their assistance way much appreciated. To Noble Bob Jones, Chaplin extraordinary, I'm sure the Grand Architect heard your kind words. To the others who assisted with periodic bar tending or just putting out nuts and snacks. I thank you folks as well. Many hands make light work.

Congratulations go to all the Oriental Bands for their participation and entertainment. Congratulations also go to the new President Jeff Moores and his line officers as they move into the new Shrine Year. We are all looking for new ideas and the inevitable changes that will happen.



Ron and Ken

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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, and Mt. Lake Terrace parades. The latest, Lake City parade will be on the 8th of August. 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.

On the 19th of July, 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 a lack of attendance and given the nature of communications, (the proverbial oriental fire-drill!) the Band did a good job!

August will be busy with PNSA

and the Band's main fund raiser, the Corn Booth at the Evergreen State Fair. 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,

Noble Bert Tcruz, 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 this quarter appears to be rather quiet. I have sent in some photos that hopefully will be published as well. I also established a Face Book Site entitled Nile Oriental Band. Pay us a visit. That's about it for now. So stay tuned!!



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Es Selamu Aleikum, Bet all of you thought you had heard the last of me. Surprise. You can tell that finding officers for many of the units in Shrine


is a problem when the Lancaster County Shrine Club Oriental Band elected yours truly, president for this year. Now I'm going to get even and write about all the nobles that did this dastardly deed to me. I figure that if I write enough things about all of them, they will not reelect me this winter and I can have some time off.

Meanwhile it seems that our first priority is the need of a float for parades. We only do two parades a year because we need a float low to the ground so that when we fall off, we don't have very far to fall and we don't get hospitalized. Sec/Treas. Emeritus Bud is worried about concussions but I keep telling him that these days we use helmets. I have also let a contract for a premier float builder and designer by the name of Stretch Sosoka. He is outstanding in this field, or any other field with cattle, and I'm sure will perform his duties with only a few minor problems. I got him on waver from John Grumbein of Rajah Oriental Band. John was hesitant about this trade, until I assured him we would sign a non-competing clause on this contract.

I'm sure the fellows will be surprised when they read this article. Time to do my Happy Dance.

Aleikum Es Selam,
Mahlon

Melha Oriental Band
Wishes the ASOB another
great year for the
Ladder of Smiles



**We meet every Friday night for social
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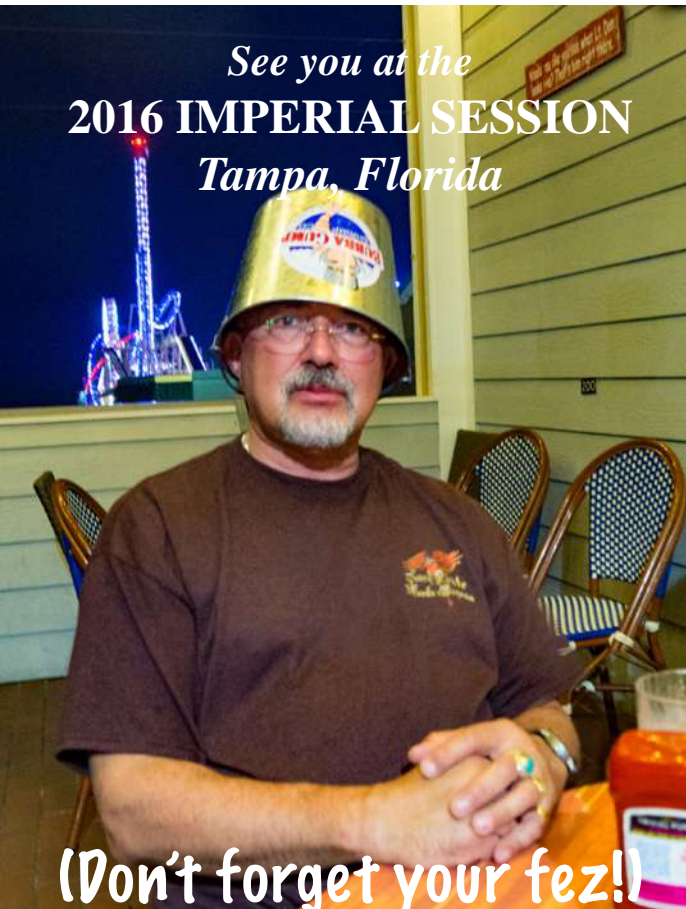
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(Don't forget your fez!)

Vanya TODAY

In 2005/2006, I was president of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands and had the privilege of meeting Vanya Pitirimov, age 10, while he was a patient at Shrine Northern California Hospital.

In the January 2006 issue of the Na Khabar my stepdaughter, Beverly Seabreeze, wrote an article about an orphan boy named Vanya who was brought to the United States from Russia by the San Rafael and the Novato, California Rotary Clubs. Vanya was orphaned at birth due to his multiple birth defects and was discovered in an orphanage by members of the Lucas Valley Community Church from San Rafael, California. Noble Tony Renzo from Asiya Shrine Center and Dr. Angelo Capozzi of the Sacramento Shrine Hospital were critical in advocating for Vanya, as Shriners were no longer taking new patients outside of North America. He was accepted at the hospital in 2003 and with the San Rafael Rotary Club providing the transportation, Vanya arrived in March of 2003 at age 7 for the first of 29 surgeries on his eye, ear and jaw at the Sacramento Shriners Hospital. Beverly and her family were one of two foster families for Vanya until he was adopted by the Broadland family in Granite Bay.

Lady Sarah and I were again privileged to be with Vanya Todd Broadland at his graduation party. We found a gracious and outgoing young man who is so thankful for all that Shrine has done for him. Vanya graduated this past June from Granite Bay High School near Sacramento, California. At Granite Bay High School he was on the wrestling team, cross country team and the track team. He has worked at Petco and Home Goods and was part of Bayside Church's APEX team which is a selected group of high schools who work for the church all summer in all capacities. Physical labor, leadership, mentorship, running

kids camps, etc. He also spent many spring breaks in Mexico working with orphans and helping to build houses. His future plans are to attend college in the Sacramento area. Vanya's goal is to become a fireman after his college is completed.

Thanks to you, these miracles are possible and thanks to families like the Broadlands who are able to care for our Shrine kids. Below are pictures of Vanya in 2006 and today.

*Norm Wold,
ASOB President 2005-2006*



*Norm and Vanya in 2005 at
Sacramento Hospital*



Vanya asking Norm about Fez in 2005



*Vanya and Norm 2015
at graduation party*



Vanya thanking Norm 2015

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BY: WILLIAM AND KAREN SMITH

VINCE STOVALL

BY: GAYLE A. ZUMPE

JACK WAKELY

BY: SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND

CLET HIRST

BY: J.V."BUD" MOORE

KEITH MEILLEUR

BY: BILLY AND BRENDA O'NEAL

ROBERTA EISENHARDT

BY: MAHLON AND JOANNE HARIU

BOB SHEPARD

BY: SHARON ORIENTAL BAND
SHARON ORIENTAL HAREM

J. R. BATESOLE

BY: CAROL A. BATESOLE

HARRY FALCK

BY: SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND

2015 PATRON'S LIST

BRONZE: (\$10.00)

SILVER: (\$25.00)

GOLD: (\$75.00)

PLATINUM: (\$150.00)

Rameses - Hamilton OB

LIFE: (\$1,000.00)

**W. Michael Hartup (Midian)

*Joe Brewton (Khiva)

(Memory Theresa Brewton)

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

TOP BANDS

TOP 10 BANDS

EL KARUBAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$10,647.00
AMARA ORIENTAL BAND	\$10,600.00
MOSLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$7,270.00
BENI KEDEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$6,260.40
NILE ORIENTAL BAND	\$6,121.03
MELHA ORIENTAL BAND	\$5,721.71
LULU ORIENTAL BAND	\$3,700.00
EL RIAD ORIENTAL BAND	\$3,200.00
RAJAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,246.00
AL BEDOO ORIENTAL BAND	\$2,020.00

11-15

KHIVA ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,690.00
LANCASTER COUNTY ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,636.00
AL AZHAR ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,608.72
ACCA ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,503.29
RAMESES/0SHAWA ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,300.00

OTHER BANDS

ABDALLAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,278.75
SYRIAN ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,047.00
ABOU BEN ADEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,000.00
ELF KHURAFEH ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,000.00
HADI ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,000.00
ISMAILIA ORIENTAL BAND	\$1,000.00
ZEM ZEM ORIENTAL BAND	\$925.00
AL KADAR ORIENTAL BAND	\$785.00
MIDIAN ORIENTAL BAND	\$725.00
ARARAT ORIENTAL BAND	\$612.00
ZORAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$500.00
ALZAFAR ORIENTAL BAND	\$440.00
IREM ORIENTAL BAND	\$400.00
AL SHAMAL ORIENTAL BAND	\$300.00
ARABA ORIENTAL BAND	\$300.00
SAHIB ORIENTAL BAND	\$300.00
ARABIA ORIENTAL BAND	\$200.00
JAFFA ORIENTAL BAND	\$200.00
SALAAM ORIENTAL BAND	\$200.00
SHARON ORIENTAL BAND	\$200.00
ARAB ORIENTAL BAND	\$125.00
EL KAHIR ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
GIZEH ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
HELLA ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
INDIA ORIENTAL BAND	\$100.00
ZUHRAH ORIENTAL BAND	\$70.00
EL BEKAL ORIENTAL BAND	\$50.00
KARNAK ORIENTAL BAND	\$50.00
CAIRO ORIENTA BAND	\$21.00
KOSAIR ORIENTAL BAND	\$5.00

P.N.S.O.B.A. 2016

A Gathering of Oriental Bands

Come cross the sand of the desert, pitch your tent in Billings Montana and enjoy the hospitality of the Nobles of the tribe of Al Bedoo at our oasis. The Al Bedoo Oriental Band is preparing well for your visit and promises an unforgettable stay for all that are daring enough to make the pilgrimage. Our focus will be on fun, comradery and brotherhood.

All bands need to prepare for a rousing, but friendly competition. Come with your best show because not only will we be performing for each other, we are actively promoting this event to the public.

We are planning this whole session with the thought in mind that Shriners, especially Oriental Bands, should be seen and heard. Our stay will be in downtown Billings, with plenty of restaurants, refreshments and local color for all to enjoy. We are planning a jam session at our local farmers market. Let's raise one voice and create a joyous sound that the Billings community will not soon forget.

As bandsmen we take our craft seriously, in that vein we thought we would provide an opportunity to learn a bit more. Plans for some short, but intensive workshops are underway. More info will be provided as those plans come together.

We also would like to shake up our awards banquet a bit as well. Will we have a great dinner? Absolutely! Will we give out competition awards? You bet!

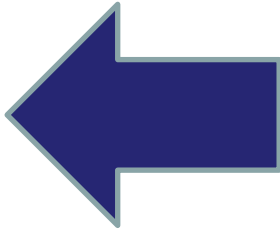
So what is different you ask?

ENTERTAINMENT!

We will leave the details of that entertainment a secret for now. Hey you have to have some good surprises, right? Suffice it to say we have procured some of the best in their class to perform for us!

What we won't leave a secret is we are going to encourage everyone to come to the banquet in Arabic costume - both Nobles and their Ladies. Hey we are Oriental Band! We will make it well worth your while and there will be prizes for the best costumes. We are giving you a year's notice to get ready, lots of time for the creativity to flow! If you really do not want to dress in costume, you can come anyway, but you may look a little funny in a room full of Arabs.

August 4th, 5th and 6th
Billings Montana

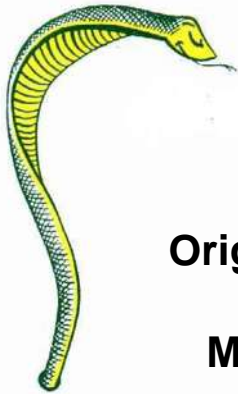


Regional Officers and Secretaries

Please announce your regional events in the Na Khabar at no cost. They do not need to be this elaborate, but please let us know what is going on in your area.

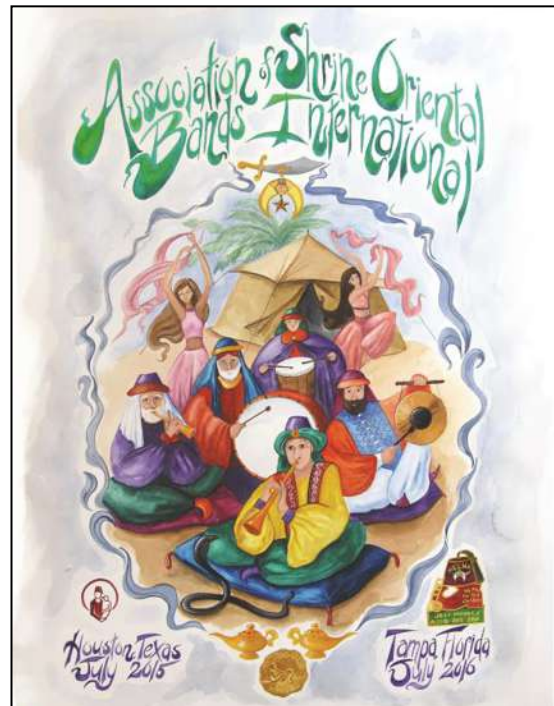
Upcoming deadlines are December 1st for January Issue and April 1st for the May Issue

2015-2016 Ladder of Smiles Fundraiser



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

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



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

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

Qty _____ 11" x 17" Poster (\$25 each)
Qty _____ 18" x 24" Poster (\$50 each)
_____ Total Makes Checks Payable to : **Ladder of Smiles**

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

2015 A.S.O.B. Competition

Houston, Texas









Award Results

Parade

- 1st Place Small Band—Melha Oriental Band, Springfield, MA
- 1st Place Medium Band— Alzafar Oriental Band, San Antonio, TX
- 2nd Place Medium Band— El Karubah Oriental Band, Shreveport, LA
- 1st Place Large Band— Moslah Oriental Band, Fort Worth, TX
- 2nd Place Large Band— Al Kader Oriental Band, Portland, OR
- 1st Place Unlimited Band—Khiva Oriental Band, Amarillo, TX

Stage

- 1st Place Small Band—Melha Oriental Band, Springfield, MA
- 1st Place Medium Band— El Karubah Oriental Band, Shreveport, LA
- 2nd Place Medium Band—Alzafar Oriental Band, San Antonio, TX
- 1st Place Large Band— Moslah Oriental Band, Fort Worth, TX
- 2nd Place Large Band— Al Kader Oriental Band, Portland, OR
- 1st Place Unlimited Band—Khiva Oriental Band, Amarillo, TX

Best Overall Band

Khiva Oriental Band, Amarillo, TX

Caliph's Award for Best Director

Joe Brewton, Khiva Oriental Band, Amarillo, TX

***“Thanks for Playin’ ” We’ll See You
in Tampa Next Year***

The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International

ANNUAL MEETING

July 8, 2015

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International was held at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport on July 8, 2015. President David McCarthy called the meeting to order at 09:04 CDT.

President McCarthy 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 3rd Vice President Noble Chris Tsaros. President McCarthy then asked the 3rd Vice President, Noble Chris Tsaros, to read the Roll Call of those present. A.S.O.B. Officers - 5, Past Presidents - 13, Voting Delegates - 3.

A.S.O.B. AUDIT REPORT:

The Auditors, consisting of Tom Crow 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 2014, 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, 2014 through June 30, 2015 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 2015 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 no outstanding Accounts Payable. There were no pending communications.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

First Vice President:

Noble Jeff Moores reported that all was set for the 2015 Imperial Session in Tampa, FL. More to follow as the event is firmed up.

Second Vice President:

Noble Tom Crow reported that the 2017 Imperial will be in Daytona Beach, FL. He is looking at hotels now and will advise when all is firmed up. Looking for a Jamboree in the mid-west for Mid-winter.

Third Vice President:

Noble Chris Tsaros reported that we have a good relationship with the Northwest. He has attended many conferences and Jamborees this past year.

Fourth Vice President:

Position Open

Sergeant At Arms:

Position Open

President:

Noble David McCarthy thanked all for their great help and participation this past year.

Ladder Of Smiles:

Noble W. Michael Hartup reported that we collected, during the 2014/2015 year, \$85,829.83, which will be turned over to the Hospital at the President's Luncheon today. The "Kick Off" fund for incoming President Jeff Moores 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 2015 - 2016 is \$125,000.00 for incoming President Jeff.

First 100 Club:

The First 100 Club was disbanded at the beginning of this fiscal year because of non-participation by the nobles. There was no incentive to join this distinguished group of nobles anymore. Since there is no longer a First 100 Club, we do not need a chairman, so Morrie Toretsky was made an Emeritus and thanked for his many years of service to the ASOB.

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:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fantasy Rules have been updated and the new rules will be published in the September 2015 Na Khabar. The rules were read and a motion to adopt was made, seconded and approved.

ELECTIONS

President McCarthy 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 Jeff Moores to the Office of President for the year 2015/2016. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed and the Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Jeff Moores as President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016.

Nominations were then opened for the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Tom Crow 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 Noble Tom Crow to the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year of 2015/2016.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Chris Tsaros 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 Chris Tsaros as Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Harry Pressman 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 Harry Pressman as Third

Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016.

It was voted at the Fall Meeting to remove the office of 4th Vice President in order to shorten the line of Elected Officers and streamline the length of the line.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Darren DeHass 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 Darren DeHass for the office of Sergeant At Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Don Moores 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 Noble Don Moores as Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2015/2016.

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

President-Elect Noble Jeff Moores gave an acceptance speech which was short and sweet. The Ladder Of Smiles goal for the year 2015/2016 will be \$125,000.00. He is looking to have the 2015/2016 A.S.O.B. hotel at the Tampa West Shore Doubletree Hotel. The Competition Piece will be the bands choice, not a selection by the president. The Fall Meeting will be somewhere in the Mid-West. The Presidents Fund Raiser will be a commissioned original Oriental Band print in two sizes.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President McCarthy 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.

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in harmony at 0946 CDT.

The Benediction was given by the Chaplain.

Yours in the Faith,
Mahlon E. Hariu, P.P.
2014/2015 Sec. /Treas.

Association Of Shrine Oriental Bands International Summery of U.S. Operating Funds, July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

Balance: July 1, 2014 \$ 3,342.96

Revenue:

ASOB Dues 2014.....	\$ 190.00
ASOB Dues 2015.....	\$6,740.00
C&A Dues Transfer.....	\$4,098.00
Caliphs Trophy.....	\$ 40.00
Fantasy Registration.....	\$ 50.00
Patron's Fund	\$1,000.00
Imperial Rooms 2015.....	\$9,958.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 30.00
Advertising.....	\$ 130.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015	\$22,236.00
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2015	\$25,578.96

Expenses:

Honorarium	\$3,000.00
Bank Book Correction	\$ 240.00
Imperial Binder Fee (2016).....	\$ 600.00
2015 Imperial Hotel Payment	\$8,366.00
Na Khabar Mailing	\$1,886.67
Na Khabar Printing	\$1,739.00
Na Khabar Typesetting.....	\$2,100.00
Postage	\$ 147.00
Stationary	\$ 594.95
Trophies	\$ 870.35
Imperial Meals (Canada to US)	\$ 104.00
Awards	\$ 305.53
Website.....	\$ 47.88
Total Expenses: July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015	\$20,001.38

ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2015 **\$ 5,577.58**

U.S. Savings/First 100 Club Summery of Account July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

Balance: July 1, 2014 \$20,283.25

Revenue:

Dividends & Interest	\$ 827.96
Total Revenue: July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015	\$ 827.96
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2015	\$21,111.21

Expenses:

Transfer Savings to Operating	\$ 2,000.00
Total Expenses: July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015	\$ 2,000.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2015 **\$20,283.25**

Canadian Checking/Savings Account Summery of Account July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

Balance: July 1, 2014 \$5,617.73

Revenue:

Dues 2015	\$1,050.00
Ladder of Smiles	\$ 375.00
Imperial Rooms.....	\$ 104.00
Donation.....	\$ 23.00
Total Revenue: July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015	\$1,552.00
Revenue Balance: June 30, 2015	\$7,169.00

Expenses:

Monthly Bank Charge	\$ 41.25
LOS Transfer.....	\$4,103.00
Monthly Bank Service Charge	\$ 23.75
Bank Book Correction	\$ 23.00
Total Expenses: July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015	\$4,191.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2015 **\$2,978.73**

LADDER OF SMILES 1961-2015

BAND	LOCATION	1961-2014	2014-2015	TOTAL
Aad	Hermantown, MN	\$85.00		\$85.00
Aahmes	Livermore, CA	\$1,957.00		\$1,957.00
Abdallah	Overland Park, KS	\$34,560.71	\$1,278.75	\$35,839.46
Abou Ben Adhem	Springfield, MO	\$66,670.77	\$1,000.00	\$66,670.77
Abu Bekr	Sioux City, IO	\$121.00		\$121.00
Acacia	Baton Rouge, LA	\$1,031.75		\$1,031.75
Acca	Richmond, VA	\$10,816.34	\$1,503.29	\$12,319.63
Ada	Havre, MT	\$3,409.00		\$3,409.00
Akdar	Tulsa, OK	\$225.00		\$225.00
Afifi	Tacoma, WA	\$920.00		\$920.00
Ainad	East St. Louis, IL	\$220.00		\$220.00
Al Amin	Corpus Christi, TX	\$401.00		\$401.00
Al Aska	Anchorage, Alaska	\$15.00		\$15.00
Al Azhar	Calgary, Alberta	\$98,482.24	\$1,608.72	\$100,090.96
Al Bahr	San Diego, CA	\$17,838.05		\$17,838.05
Al Bedoo	Billings, MT	\$4,664.00	\$2,020.00	\$6,684.00
Al Chymia	Memphis, TN	\$135.00		\$135.00
Al Kader	Wilsonville, OR	\$15,844.50	\$785.00	\$16,629.50
Al Koran	Broadview Heights, OH	\$429.00		\$429.00
Al Koran	East Liverpool, OH	\$608.48		\$608.48
Al Menah	Nashville, TN	\$125.00		\$125.00
Al Shamal	Edmonton, Alberta	\$4,010.00	\$300.00	\$4,310.00
Al Sihah	Macon, Ga	\$1,173.00		\$1,173.00
Alcazar	Montgomery, AL	\$3,917.75		\$3,917.75
Alee	Savannah, GA	\$1,820.25		\$1,820.25
Aleppo	Wilmington, MA	\$4,225.00		\$4,225.00
Algeria	Helena, MT	\$432.74		\$432.74
Ali Ghan	Cumberland, MD	\$98.00		\$98.00
Almas	Washington, DC	\$6,597.10		\$6,597.10
Alzafar	San Antonio, TX	\$11,981.31	\$440.00	\$12,421.31
Amara	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	\$31,251.46	\$10,600.00	\$41,851.46
Amran	Raleigh, NC	\$273.34		\$273.34
Ansar	Springfield, IL	\$1,287.00		\$1,287.00
Antioch	Dayton, OH	\$6,858.00		\$6,858.00
Arab	Topeka, KS	\$3,470.00	\$125.00	\$3,595.00
Araba	Fort Myers, FL	\$13,700.17	\$300.00	\$14,000.17
Arabia	Houston, TX	\$20,572.60	\$200.00	\$20,772.60
Ararat	Kansas City, MO	\$10,632.24	\$612.00	\$11,244.24
Asiya/Islam Arabians	San Mateo, CA	\$4,142.71		\$4,142.71
Asiya/Islam Cammel Herders	San Mateo, CA	\$30.00		\$30.00
Azan	Melbourne, FL	\$14,782.95		\$14,782.95
Bagdad	Butte, MT	\$31.00		\$31.00
Bahia	Orlando, FL	\$1,950.25		\$1,950.25
Ballut Abyad	Albuquerque, NM	\$84.00		\$84.00
Bektash	Concord, NH	\$3,206.19		\$3,206.19
Ben Ali	Sacramento, CA	\$13,402.57		\$13,402.57
Beni Kedem	Charleston, WV	\$24,125.83	\$6,260.40	\$30,386.23
Boumi	Baltimore, MD	\$41,479.86		\$41,479.86
Cairo	Rutland, VT	\$10,711.00	\$21.00	\$10,732.00
Calam	Lewiston, ID	\$50,760.14		\$50,760.14
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
El Bekal	Anaheim, CA	\$38,138.28	\$50.00	\$38,188.28
El Hasa	Ashland, KY	\$8,582.33		\$8,582.33
El Jebel	Denver, CO	\$365.00		\$365.00
El Kahir	Cedar Rapids, ID	\$7,439.48	\$100.00	\$7,539.48
El Kalah	Salt Lake City, UT	\$858.00		\$858.00
El Karubah	Shreveport, LA	\$59,932.02	\$10,647.00	\$70,589.02

El Katif	Spokane, WA.....	\$881.00	\$881.00
El Maida.....	El Paso, TX.....	\$2,219.00	\$2,219.00
El Mina.....	Galveston, TX.....	\$25.00	\$25.00
El Riad	Sioux Falls, SD	\$10,090.00	\$3,200.00
El Zagal	Fargo, North Dakota	\$85.00	\$85.00
El Zaribah	Phoeniz, AZ	\$1,660.25	\$1,660.25
Elf Khurafeh.....	Flint, MI	\$56,240.00	\$1,000.00
Elf Khurafeh.....	Saginaw, MI	\$16,730.00	\$16,730.00
Gizeh	Vancouver, BC	\$70,150.00	\$100.00
Hadi	Evansville, IN.....	\$8,753.00	\$1,000.00
Hadji	Pensacola, FL.....	\$56.00	\$56.00
Hella	Garland, TX	\$3,039.00	\$100.00
Hillah.....	Medford, OR	\$200.00	\$200.00
India.....	Oklahoma City, OK	\$901.00	\$100.00
India.....	Fort Still, OK	\$5,059.00	\$5,059.00
Irem	Wilkes-Barre, PA.....	\$16,436.00	\$400.00
Isis	Salina, KS.....	\$91.00	\$91.00
Ismailia	Buffalo, NY.....	\$12,219.00	\$1,000.00
Jaffa.....	Altoona, PA.....	\$4,771.00	\$4,771.00
Jaffa-Clearfield	Clearfield, PA.....	\$9,860.53	\$200.00
Jericho	Kingsport, TN.....	\$3,350.00	\$3,350.00
Jerusalem	Destreham, LA.....	\$1,265.32	\$1,265.32
Joppa	Biloxi, MS.....	\$1,497.62	\$1,497.62
Kaaba	Davenport, IO	\$2,666.00	\$2,666.00
Kalif.....	Sheridan, WY	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kalurah	Endicott, NY.....	\$1,380.00	\$1,380.00
Karem	Waco, TX	\$20.00	\$20.00
Karnak	Dollard des Ormeaux, QU	\$16,076.73	\$50.00
Kazim.....	Roanoke, VA.....	\$1,087.50	\$1,087.50
Kena	Fairfax,VA	\$5,376.98	\$5,376.98
Kerak Arabians	Reno, NV	\$30,948.55	\$30,948.55
Khartum	Winnipeg, Manitoba.....	\$85.00	\$85.00
Khedive.....	Cheasapeake, VA.....	\$8,919.10	\$8,919.10
Khiva.....	Amarillo, TX	\$47,582.21	\$1,690.00
Kismet.....	New Hyde Park, NY.....	\$13,422.00	\$13,422.00
Kora	Lewiston, ME	\$365.00	\$365.00
Korein	Rawlings, WY	\$8,945.66	\$8,945.66
Kosair	Louisville, KY	\$105.00	\$5.00
Lanoble Club	\$200.00	\$200.00
Lu Lu.....	Plymouth Meeting, PA	\$12,491.00	\$3,700.00
Luxor.....	St. John, New Brunswick.....	\$677.00	\$677.00
Mahi.....	Miami, FL.....	\$566.00	\$566.00
Mazol.....	St. Johns, Newfoundland.....	\$405.00	\$405.00
Mecca	New York, NY	\$1,865.00	\$1,865.00
Medinah.....	Addison, IL.....	\$1,105.00	\$1,105.00
Melha.....	Springfield, MA	\$91,691.78	\$5,721.71
Midian.....	Wichita, KS	\$47,642.43	\$725.00
Mocha.....	London, ON	\$18,340.00	\$18,340.00
Mocha.....	Sault St. Marie, ON.....	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
Mocha.....	Windsor, ON	\$11,386.88	\$11,386.88
Mohamed.....	Peoria,IL	\$611.00	\$611.00
Morocco.....	Jacksonville, FL	\$24,276.83	\$24,276.83
Moslah	Ft. Worth, TX	\$22,716.00	\$7,270.00
Moslem.....	Southfield, MI.....	\$12,613.05	\$12,613.05
Murat	Indianapolis, IN.....	\$14,353.04	\$14,353.04
Nile	Mountlake Terrace, WA.....	\$84,155.98	\$6,121.03
Nur.....	Wilmington, DE.....	\$19,588.00	\$19,588.00
Oasis	Charlotte, NC.....	\$2,929.33	\$2,929.33
Oleika	Lexington, KY	\$705.00	\$705.00
Osman	St. Paul, MN	\$25.00	\$25.00
Palestine.....	Cranston, RI	\$3,025.00	\$3,025.00
Rhode Island Shriners, Cranston, RI.....	\$120.00	\$120.00
Philiae.....	Halifax, Nova Scotia	\$2,774.00	\$2,774.00
Pyramid	Millford, CT	\$2,803.00	\$2,803.00

Rajah	Reading, PA	\$41,347.96	\$2,246.00	\$43,593.96
Rameses	Hamilton, ON	\$63,684.06		\$63,684.06
Rameses	Oshawa, ON	\$19,509.11	\$1,300.00	\$20,809.11
Rameses	Owen Sound, ON	\$25.00		\$25.00
Rameses	Ramaco, ON	\$3,078.00		\$3,078.00
Rameses	Sudbury, ON	\$2,494.75		\$2,494.75
Rizpah	Madisonville, KY	\$100.00		\$100.00
Sabbar	Tucson, AZ	\$65,082.23		\$65,082.23
Sahara	Pine Bluff, AR	\$820.00		\$820.00
Sahib	Sarasota, FL	\$18,096.85	\$300.00	\$18,396.85
Salaam	Livingston, NJ	\$27,393.95	\$200.00	\$27,593.95
Saladin	Kentwood, MI	\$12,172.00		\$12,172.00
Scimitar	Little Rock, AR	\$5,311.28		\$5,311.28
Scimitar, N.W.S.C.	Rogers, AR	\$33,996.39		\$33,996.39
Sharon	Tyler, TX	\$2,165.00	\$200.00	\$2,365.00
Sphinx	Newington, CN	\$100.00		\$100.00
Sudan	New Bern, NC	\$1,442.50		\$1,442.50
Sudbury	Sudbury, Ontario	\$150.00		\$150.00
Suez	San Angelo, TX	\$1,745.00		\$1,745.00
Syria	Pittsburgh, PA	\$15,363.00		\$15,363.00
Syrian	Cincinnati, OH	\$51,532.65	\$1,047.00	\$52,579.65
Tadmore	Akron, OH	\$935.00		\$935.00
Tangier	Omaha, NE	\$636.60		\$636.60
Tebala	Rockford, IL	\$12,957.00		\$12,957.00
Tehama	Hastings, NE	\$59.00		\$59.00
Tigris	Syracuse, NY	\$1,875.00		\$1,875.00
Tripoli	Milwaukee, WI	\$3,065.00		\$3,065.00
Tunis	Ottawa, ON	\$34,012.60		\$34,012.60
Yarrab	Atlanta, GA	\$3,217.00		\$3,217.00
Za-Ga-Zig	Altoona, IO	\$1,050.00		\$1,050.00
Zamora	Irondale, AL	\$218.00		\$218.00
Zelzah	Las Vegas, NV	\$8,750.00		\$8,750.00
Zem Zem	Erie, PA	\$43,187.92	\$925.00	\$44,112.92
Zembo	Harrisburg, PA	\$54,197.75		\$54,197.75
Lancaster County	Lancaster, PA	\$250,972.49	\$1,636.00	\$252,608.49
Zenobia	Toledo, OH	\$183,093.01		\$183,093.01
Zorah	Terre Haute, IN	\$4,580.45	\$500.00	\$5,080.45
Zuhrah	Minneapolis, MN	\$2,350.00	\$70.00	\$2,420.00
Anonymous Donation		\$225.00		\$225.00
Misc Donation		\$1,595.12		\$1,595.12

REGIONALS

KICK OFF FUND	\$5,754.00	\$920.00	\$6,674.00
ALL FLORIDA	\$5,302.84		\$5,302.84
ASOB (Projects, Fines & Memorials)	\$57,305.47	\$637.00	\$57,942.47
ASOB (Past Presidents)	\$3,807.00	\$3,807.00	
CALIPHS	\$1,100.00	\$50.00	\$1,150.00
SGT AT ARMS BREAKFAST	\$986.00	\$686.00	\$1,672.00
FANTASY DONATION	\$2,684.00	\$2,684.00	
CENTRAL STATES	\$1,490.00	\$350.00	\$1,840.00
GREAT LAKES	\$26,109.83	\$523.00	\$26,632.83
MID-ATLANTIC	\$14,049.66	\$450.00	\$14,499.66
MID-WEST	\$3,580.70		\$3,580.70
NEW YORK - ONTARIO	\$2,194.75	\$2,194.75	
NORTHEAST	\$2,916.00		\$2,916.00
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	\$11,852.56	\$11,852.56	
SOUTH ATLANTIC	\$26,639.00	\$730.00	\$27,369.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	\$1,581.71		\$1,581.71
SOUTHEASTERN	\$6,974.00		\$6,974.00
TEXAS	\$9,601.61	\$3,000.00	\$12,601.61
WESTERN	\$7,933.16		\$7,933.16
INTEREST ACCUMULATE	\$11,632.29	\$35.39	\$11,677.68
TOTAL TO DATE	\$2,581,751.31	\$86,039.29	\$2,667,790.60

Job Posting: ASOB Communications Manager Wanted

Job Purpose: The ASOB Communications Manager will conceptualize, plan and implement ASOB's internal and external communications.

Main Tasks

- Manage the day-to-day internal and external communications and marketing activities of The Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International.
- Maintain a strong brand for the Association, including impactful and fit-for-purpose publications, web site, social media and merchandise.
- Co-ordinate media and public affairs activities to promote the Association.
- Manage the monitoring of media and current affairs developments, across a wide range of Shriners media with regards to impacts to the Association.
- Prepare press statements and articles on Oriental Band issues for internal and external Communications.
- Manage the publication and promotion of Association materials, including web media friendly design and printing of the Na Khabar.
- Ensure that the Association's communication outputs are of a high standard, respond to the needs of the target audience, and are delivered within agreed budget and timelines
- Build on existing and develop new relationships with media, key decision makers, member organisations and others.
- Provide line-management and support to staff within the communications team.
- Act in accordance with the objectives and ethos of the Association.
- Undertake other duties as may be reasonably required from time to time.

Experience and Knowledge:

- This is a volunteer position aimed to the individual who would like to contribute to our philanthropy through the use of their professional talents.
- Degree in relevant discipline, preferably a Bachelor's or higher in communications
- Five years' experience in a communications, marketing or journalist role
- Experience in project management with a proven track record of delivering on objectives
- Experience of developing and implementing media, advocacy or marketing campaigns
- Experience of representing an organization to the public or/and media

Skills and Special Aptitudes

- Excellent written and verbal communication and presentation skills
- Attention to detail and strong organisational skills
- Ability to work calmly under pressure and be self-managing
- Excellent interpersonal and networking skills
- Standard office ICT skills, including social media.

Location: Home based

Application:

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

Fantasy Rules and Regulations

(Revised July 2015)

Any band desiring to appear in the A.S.O.B. Fantasy shall notify the Chairman of the Fantasy Committee by mail. A form is furnished for this purpose. Please indicate whether the Band will appear in the Stage Presentation, the Parade or both, and indicate the number of bandmen 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 bandmen appearing in the performance are counted as A.S.O.B. members in good standing. The number of performing bandmen 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 bandmen in each band. After the class assignment is announced, a drawing to determine the order of appearance within each classification for the Stage Presentation and Parade will occur. One number will be drawn by lot for each band in their respective classification. Once the Music Director's Meeting is over, no changes to the classification or order of appearance will be allowed.

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

	Stage	Parade (Marching)	Parade (Float)
Costumes.....	10%.....	0%.....	0%
Overall Sound.....	10%.....	0%.....	0%
Showmanship.....	10%.....	20%.....	20%
Appearance.....	10%.....	20%.....	20%
Musical Presentation (Warm-up Numbers).....	25%.....	60%.....	60%
Musical Presentation (Competition Number).....	35%.....	0%.....	0%

*Note: Showmanship for units riding on a float includes points for the float itself.

CLASSIFICATIONS: Stage Presentation and Parade

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

- There will be a Best Oriental Band trophy awarded to the Band who has the highest overall point accumulation for the Fantasy and Parade.
- First and Second Place trophies for Fantasy and Parade will be awarded based on the highest and next to highest score for a category.
- A Caliphs trophy for the most outstanding Music Director will be awarded at the discretion of the Caliphs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Judging: Will be made up of impartial judges who have knowledge about musical, theatrical, marching, showmanship and costuming. Judges will be briefed by a selected member of the Fantasy Committee.

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

Imperial 2016 Tampa Florida

Save the Dates

July 3rd – 7th



Tentative A.S.O.B Schedule

•Sunday, July 3rd

- Elected Officers Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Welcome Reception
- Music Directors Meeting

•Monday, July 4th

- Competition
- Music Academy Workshop
- A.S.O.B. Action Plan Review
- Imperial Night Parade

•Tuesday, July 5th

- A.S.O.B. Annual Meeting
- Ladies Brunch
- Combined Awards Banquet and Installation

Competition Tune for 2016 will be "Bands Choice"

No excuses about having to learn a new song. You will be required to declare the song at the Music Directors Meeting. It must be in the A.S.O.B. Music Library and approved for Competiton.

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