



SAHIB SHRINE ORIENTAL BAND

We Specialize in Fun, Fellowship and Good Music



Shriners Having Fun & Helping Kids

The history of Shrine Oriental Bands goes all the way back to the 1893 Chicago World's Fair where a Turk with a musette and another with a tom-tom were making lots of loud noises and could be found in front of every Turkish show on the midway. The Nobles of the Chicago Medinah Shrine thought that if one horn and one tom-tom could entertain the masses certainly many would spread lots of thrills and music. After much searching, Medinah found a source for the horns and in 1896 the first Oriental Band was formed.

There was no music in those days written for such a different musical taste and Shrine Masons wrote the earliest music, much of which is still being used today. Oriental Bands can be found in various competitions, in parades, as ceremonial guards for the degrees, and playing for the entertainment of other organizations.



The Oriental Bands also have another unique privilege: that of having one of the recognized hospital funds, the Ladder of Smiles through the Association of Oriental Bands (ASOB). We raise awareness and directly support our philanthropy of hospitals. Our funds are donated to the "Ladder of Smiles." From 1961 to present the Ladder of Smiles has contributed over \$2.4 million dollars to the hospital endowment fund (Shrine Endowment Fund) we have contributed \$18,397. Shriners International supports Shriners Hospitals for Children, an international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft

lip and palate along with cerebral palsy or now concussion injuries are eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children and receive all services with no financial obligation from their families.

Our Oriental Band is a unit within Sahib Shrine, which is in the Southeastern chapter of Shriners International. Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. There are approximately 350,000 members from 191 Temples (Chapters) in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama.

The Sahib Shrine Oriental Band founded in 1983 is one of the most colorful Units of the Shrine and we play for parades and Shrine Ceremonials. You'll recognize us by our Arabic costumes for ceremonials, oriental costumes for public appearances and especially by the "toe-tapping" Arabic music we play. Because of its nature, the band is made up of all kinds of Nobles with an interest in our form of entertaining. Some have musical backgrounds and others simply enjoy the fellowship and competition. Our ladies are known as Sahibahs and their support enables us to travel and put on a show. Strange costumes and even stranger sounding music, the most fun you can have bringing smiles to many!

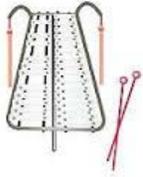
Interested but you don't know how to play music? Good news: You do not have to be able to read music! We will teach you by using numbers and a recorder. The Band Director and other Bandsmen will assist you in learning our music. The basic instruments played by the Oriental Band are the Musette (horn), Drums, Tambourine, Lyra-Glockenspiel, Gong and Cymbals. If you wish to join our Band you will be provided with your own instrument and most of your costume! Dues are nominal and one dollar is paid at each meeting.

Lastly, you will be joining a unit that is dedicated, fun and close knit. The unit has won many trophies over the years and recently placed 1st in all competition categories along with best band director at the Shiner's International Convention 2016 in July.

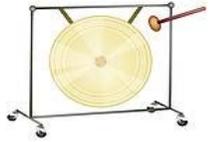
The band meets at Sahib Shrine, 600 N. Beneva Rd, Sarasota, FL, on Wednesdays at 7:00pm for a brief business meeting and then rehearsal for about an hour.

With new regulations by the Shriner's International, you do not have to be a Shriner to play in the band and membership is no longer restricted to men only, however you must be at least 18 years of age to join the unit. Try us, you'll like what we do!

WE NEED YOU!



Please Join Our Shrine Oriental Band



We Play for the Children

