

The Oriental Band voted in it's new slate of officers at our December stated meeting. Our officers for 2011 are:

Sultan (President): Joe Kiestler
Emir (Vice-Pres): Rick Beecher
Scribe (Secretary): John Wilson
Gold Minister (Treasurer): Francis Johnson
Caliph (Director): Joe Brewton

The KOB would like to thank Jack Buckner for his thankless work leading the Band as Sultan in 2010. Thanks Jack- you kept us straight and entertained all along the way!

We pray that our new Illustrious Sir Glenn Pate and his Lady Patty will have a great and successful year at the helm of Khiva Shrine this year. Glenn and his Divan have some great people helping them and our support will be much needed as our Shrine Center prepares to host TSA in June. Congrats go to our new O.G. Wayne Adams and his Lady Patti. A big Chin-up to Noble Andy Wines and Lady Jill from the south. Taking a cue from Wayne, it sounds like Andy has spat out the taste of defeat and is going to run for O.G. again early next year.

Many thanks go to the OB Entertainment Committee who helped pull off our first Super Bowl Party held in all three OB rooms, Sunday, February 6th. We got to fire up the new 55" flat screen upstairs which was so generously donated to the Band by our Sultan Joe Kiestler and Lady Sheila. Please thank both of them when you have the chance. There was plenty to eat with quite a variety of snacks and finger foods. There was quite a party atmosphere with the Duffer's party going on in simulcast across the third floor. Hopefully this will start a new tradition with the Band. The committee has announced a "beer & wine tasting event" on March 12th – watch your mail boxes and be at the stated meeting in March for more details.

Kevin and Kira Coburn experienced what all of us hope never happens to us in our lifetime, a fire consumed their home and all contents during the week of our very cold spell. So the Band threw a new home shower for Kira & Kevin at the party. As the pictures show, two tables were filled with all necessities a family would need when starting from scratch. I saw a washer and dryer, cookware, towels & sheets, tools and everything in between. Kevin, Kira and Kelsey were at a loss for words when they saw it all. Thank You to Kristie, Shari, Aaron and all who helped organize the shower and all who brought things for the Coburns. They sure did appreciate it! It's not an over statement when someone describes us as being one big extended family.

TASOB President Tim Beecher and the KOB will host all Texas Oriental Bands April 1st (no fooling) at our Mid-Winter conference. Tim and Jennifer and their committees are busy with the details. They will need to work hard to top the last one here in 2008 where among other things, a very public "piercing" took place the final night. The first night will be a "saloon night" here at the Temple. Lots of good ideas are floating around for that evening.

Our prayers go out to John & Luann Meyer who lost John's mother, Gracie, on that Super Bowl night. A memorial service was held for her the following Thursday and again, the OB was there in number to support John and his family. Our thoughts are with Mike Patrick during his spine procedure in Arizona the last of February and our Gold Minister, Francis Johnson, who had wrist surgery a few weeks ago. Practice has started up regularly every Monday at 7:30 pm and will eventually include Thursdays as we get closer to Summer. Our new music is challenging but we seem to be making headway- we need everyone to be at practice though.

The OB has been asked to man the I-40 & Ross St. IHOP on Tuesday, March 1st, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please plan to be there with your fez and help represent Khiva Shrine and Shriners Hospitals. The Band will help serve and clean up after the Temple Stated Meeting on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. Please plan to attend and help us that evening.

until the next edition,
the scribe