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Nick Baldi — President



towards increasing our fraternal membership. He laid the ground work with his goal of bringing in 12,000 new members this year (actually July 2017 thru July 2018). I hope each of has seen his challenge by Shrine center of what it will take to achieve this goal.

During his Pageant at the Shiners International Imperial Session in July, 2017, Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske announced a call to action, asking ALL Shriners to take a stand to support the membership of the fraternity. This includes the referral of friends, family members and co-workers for further contact, education and information about Shriners International and Freemasonry

Special Dates to Remember

March 23 through March 26
2018

STA Mid-winter Meeting
Tampa, FL

July 14, 2018

STA Annual Meeting
Daytona Beach, FL

July 15 through July 19
2018

Imperial Session
Daytona Beach, FL

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Thank you to those in attendance at our mid year meeting in Daytona Beach.

The STA meeting started with a great breakfast, the Imperial line came in and introduced themselves and Imperial Sir Chris Smith who informed us again how important the STA and the Treasurers (CFO'S are to the success of our Shrine center and the Fraternal organization.

Thanks to Bob Bulman who made the mid-year happen!

We are already planning the STA meeting in Tampa, March 23 thru 26. Our goal is to have 100 treasurers present at this meeting (my lady Kay is planning some educational and fun events for the ladies). So please get these dates on your calendar.

Shrine!

Has your temple paid the 2017 STA dues?

Congratulations to Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske and the Imperial line.

Imperial Sir Gary is definitely leading us



Remember membership is our key to success!

Kay and I want to thank each of you and your ladies for what you do for the Shrine!



Fraternally yours
Nick Baldi
President STA
Ararat Shrine
Kansas City, MO

Anthony (AJ) Bovio — 1st Vice President



contacting all the Shrine Centers Treasures to encourage their attendance (goal of 100 attendees) at the March meeting.

I have been Treasure of Azan for 8 years and we have attended every Treasurers Seminar and left with a wealth of information which not only helps me in performing my Treasurers duties but also benefits my Shrine Center. It is my

opinion that not only do you get to learn from the presenters but you get to interface with your fellow Treasurers and share valuable information. I am looking forward to our March meeting and the camaraderie we share while learning.

Be Safe and God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony (AJ) Bovio". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anthony (AJ) Bovio

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What a great Imperial session and congratulations to Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske for his installation as Imperial potentate. I hope everyone enjoyed their week and as always it was great seeing everyone and talking about what is going on at everyone's shrine center. I am anticipating our upcoming March seminar to be a great learning experience that will assist us in performing our duties at our Shrine Center. This year your officers will be

Bill Wheeler — 2nd Vice President



have seen lately. If you were not there, you missed out on some good information and ideas passed around. Not only was the whole Imperial Officer line in attendance but our General Counsel Robert Kuehn and Chairman, Jurisprudence and Laws Committee Jon Hanson were on hand to discuss with us the items on the "Call" for this Imperial Session.

Nobles, this "STA Annual Meeting" was a good example of part of the "BENEFITS" listed on our web Page "education of both new and old Treasurers on information and procedures that are vital to the operations of our Temples" Another item that was discussed: r "MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND DUES"

Did you know: "Treasurers of Shrine Associations may belong to STA as an Associate member. The dues are \$100 per year, and the member is entitled to all rights and privileges (except the y may not hold office".

Again, just want to say what a great time Lady Brent and I had with you in Daytona Beach. Look forward to seeing you in Tampa in March 2018.

Yours in the Faith

Bill Wheeler, 2nd VP STA

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Noble Treasurers,
We had a GREAT time with you at the STA Annual Meeting in Daytona Beach Florida. Lady Brent and I also had a good time at the 143th Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, Florida. And we are already looking forward to being back there next year.

We were lucky to network with our fellow Treasurers this year and be able to meet and exchange ideas with the most knowledgeable Shriners.

I really liked the way our STA Executive Committee Meeting Saturday evening was conducted and produced some of the most useful information for our Executive Board. After a good breakfast Sunday morning, President Nick Baldi conducted a pleasant and informative Annual Meeting with more audience participation than I

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Bruce Wiggins— 3rd Vice President



The Imperial Session was also very informative with a lot of changes especially with the new way we elect our new members. If you have not read the new ruling please do so. My personal feeling on the session as a total, it was one of better Imperial Sessions that I have attended.

NEWS FOR THE 2018 STA MEETING, as your officers we are making plans to have a bigger and better meeting for 2018. We are attempting to contact every Temple and Treasurer to make plans to attend our next meeting. It will be in Tampa again next year at the Holiday Inn were they treat us like Kings and Queens.

Make plans now for you and your lady to attend the 2018 STA meeting.

Fraternally yours
Bruce Wiggins
3rd Vice President STA
Rizpah Temple

Greeting to my Fellow Treasurer's and Nobles

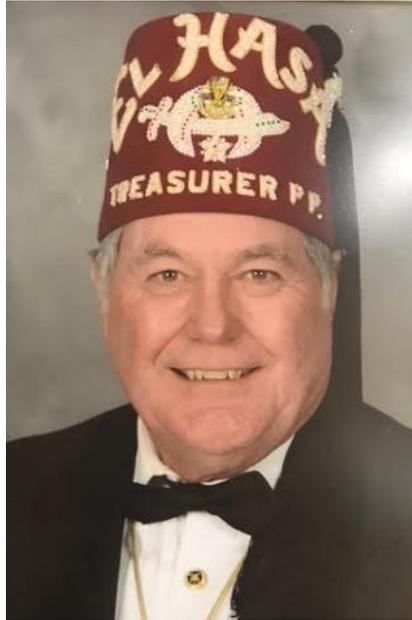
Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to attend the Imperial Session in Daytona Beach and the STA meeting on Sunday morning.

We had a good informative meeting with our new president Nick Baldi and all of the Imperial Line that stopped by our meeting after the Great breakfast we had at the Hilton Hotel, the breakfast was reason enough to attend the meeting.

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Vic Hooper —4th Vice President



objection, signed by at least 3 members of the Temple in good standing. If you were unable to attend the session, you can check with your reps and get further information.

One question, have each of you taken care of becoming a signatory on all club and unit financial accounts according to the General Order No 1?

One thing to remember, we are required to transmit to TAMPA any updates to our entities by the end of September. An update can include a name change, club mergers, clubs dissolving, or club revenues increasing or decreasing below the threshold of \$50,000.00.

Until next time, I remain,

Yours in the Faith,

Vic Hopper, Jr., P.P., Treasurer
El Hasa Shrine Center

4th VP STA

“becoming a signatory on all club and unit financial accounts ”

Dear Fellow Treasurers,

Having just returned from the Imperial Session held in Daytona, Florida where we had a great time and good meetings, I hope this finds each of you doing well! One of the matters we discussed was the legislation that was passed where temples will now vote on new candidates by paper ballot with 51% acceptance and any opposing Nobles will now be required to send a written

Robert the Bob Bulman — Secretary-Treasurer



Here is some ‘food for thought’ for everyone.

I wanted to share some advice with you about how to deal with “meandering” discussions. You know the type I’m talking about. You’re in a meeting and there is a topic you all need to discuss so you can make decisions and assign tasks. The discussion begins and the next thing it’s headed into a direction that is interesting for a while but there really is nothing being accomplished. It’s one of those unending discussions.

This is not a positive experience for many, especially new Treasurers. For the new guy in the room, the discussion is so fast its hard to get a word in.

There are things that can be done to insert your comments and thoughts.

You do need to realize that for some personalities, they need to talk, as it’s a form of thinking and processing. They need to do this as much as maybe you need to think in silence.

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Thanks to all those who attended the Annual Meeting of STA in Daytona Beach FL.

Several suggestions were given to the Board and we are working to get those suggestions in place and working. Many phone calls have already been made in making verbal contact with each of the Treasurers of Shrine Centers.

I understand that some Treasurers are asking their member Centers of the Associations they belong, to have a ‘get together’ during their annual meetings. This allows for good communication exchange and trading the knowledge between each Center and especially for ‘NEW’ Treasurers.

“get those suggestions in place and working”

“deal with meandering” discussions”

Robert the Bob Bulman — Secretary-Treasurer

“Call the question”. Ask if there are any conclusions to the discussion so far. That should halt the discussion and cause the guys to think about whether or not the discussion has yielded anything noteworthy.

If the guys do have some items from the discussion, go to how to deal with those items in order to get back on the topic.

Suggestions what to do with these items:

- – address at a future defined point
- – note and move on
- – if it's critical you may want to reprioritize your topics and agree to address it then.

Another approach is to simply ask the group “where are we with regard to x topic?” It can quickly halt the wandering discussion and get the discussion back to the main topic.

Other people in your meeting will appreciate some level of management to the discussion, even though they may not have said anything.

You do not need to be the manager or meeting organizer to step forward with this type of leadership. This is a form of leadership as it is showing responsibility for staying on-task and being productive.

Stay away from voicing your frustration, stay positive on your comments.

As with many things, you have to reach a balance in discussions. You need to be focused and productive along with allowing the various personalities to optimize their contributions.

Yours in the Faith

Robert (the Bob) Bulman,
Secretary-Treasurer
Past President STA 2015-2016

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