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Bill Wheeler — President

Special Dates to Remember

June 30-July 4, 2019
145th Imperial Session
Nashville, TN

June 30, 2019
Annual Meeting
Nashville, TN



mend and report to the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors remains responsible under the Bylaws of Shrines International. Another important subject discussed by Jon was "Good Standing". Means any person who has fulfilled the requirements of membership. Or in other words "Has paid his dues". Lady Brent and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Nashville, Tennessee at the 145th Imperial Session. Remember your Shrine Treasurers Association Annual meeting will be Sunday June 30, 2019, starting with a Buffet Breakfast at 7:30 AM. It lasts until noon with great speakers and a little business. Lady Brent is planning a special ladies gathering Sunday morning. We have been working on our STA Mid-winter Seminar 2020. Looking into the possibility of have a four day seminar - instruction and education as before, but having that in the morning, so we can have the evenings free to relax, socialize, network, visit, tour or have a social activity. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Contact me or your other officers, our updated contact information is on the STA web site.

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Noble Treasurers,

Thank you for electing me your President. With your help I will exceed your expectations. And congratulations to the other Vice-Presidents on their elections, especially newly elected 4th Vice President Steve Harken. With your help we will guide your association though another prosperous and educational year.

If you were not able to attend our March Mid-winter Seminar in Tampa, Florida, you missed the opportunity to learn what's new and network with your colleges. Just one of the many subjects discussed by Jurisprudence & Law and General Counsel Jon Hanson was the Temple "Finance Committee". A Temple can have per its Bylaws, a Finance Committee, to review, recom-

Yours in the Faith,

Bill Wheeler, President

Shrine Treasurers Association

Bruce Wiggins — 1st Vice President



“Imperial Session is getting close ... it will be very informative”

Greetings to my fellow treasurers, nobles, and ladies, April is over and the Imperial Session is just around the corner.

If you did not attend our Tampa meeting you missed one of the best that I have attended. The weather was perfect as it is always, the Guest Speakers were very informative and the hospitality was Great. We had about 20 new treasurers attend this year and they got a lot information to help them in their new job at their temple.

Your Officer are continuing to look for ways to improve attendance. Including but not limited to : looking for other locations and different dates to hold the Treasurer Association Seminar which could improve our attendance by getting away from the

tax season.

I would like to congratulate Noble Steven L. Harken from Mohammed Shriners in Peoria Il. as the newly elected 4th V.P. of the S.T.A.

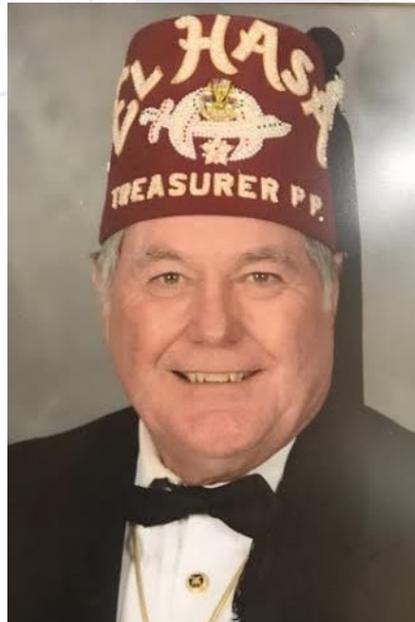
As I mention before the Imperial Session is getting close and I hope everyone can make it to Nashville TN. in July, I am sure it will be very informative, bring us news about the changes of our hospitals and clinics. It will be a lot of fun and we will have a Free Breakfast and a short meeting on Sunday, hope to see there.

Changing my comments to other issues, all I have heard in my Shriner career is we need more members and to reduce the draw on our endowment. Has anything changed in the past ten years? Maybe we need to think outside of the box and make the changes that will keep us afloat. Nobles we have to make changes in the way we think and feel otherwise we may be the last of the nobles that can say we are proud of the Shrine Organization as we know it today, otherwise the Fez may leave our hospitals.

See You in Nashville

Bruce Wiggins
Rizpah Shriners
Madisonville, KY
1st Vice President

Vic Hopper — 2nd Vice President



subjects for leading your Temple in the right direction.

A BIG thank you to all the Treasurers that were in attendance at our meeting and I'd like to offer congratulations to the 20 newly elected Treasurer's that were there! Our meetings serve as a hub to inform you of all the important information and reporting deadlines, etc., concerning your duties as a Treasurer of your Temple. I can't stress how important it is for you to attend these

meeting. I hope each of you will go back to your Temples and report what you learned. I hope those of you that couldn't attend me as your 2nd Vice President! I speak to your Divan about attending our meeting that will be held during the Imperial Session in Nashville.

While in our meeting we talked about the Shriners Creed. I think this should be read at every Temple at least a couple of times a year. I also recommend all candidates get a copy of this important reminder of the qualities each Shriner should possess.

In closing, I'd like to thank you again and I hope to see each of you in Nashville at the Imperial Session!

Yours in the Faith,
Vic Hopper, P.P., Treasurer
El Hasa Shrine Center

2nd VP STA *Vic Hopper*

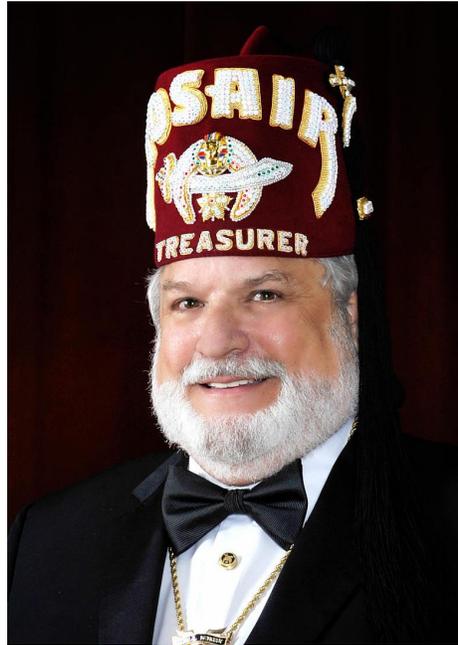
"We also talked about the Operating Budget and Accounting Procedures and Policies, IRS Reporting and 990's, Fundraising Activities, Hospital Transportation Funds and Temple Reporting Deadlines."

Having just returned from the Treasurer's Association Meeting in Tampa, I'd like to start off by thanking each of you for electing me as your 2nd Vice President! I appreciate your confidence in me! I'd also like to give thanks to all the speakers at our meeting...

Jon Hanson for speaking on Jurisprudence and Laws, Imperial Sir Brad Koehn on International Shrine Finances, Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder on Communications, Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt on our Hospitals and Imperial Sir Jim Cain . We are so appreciative for their guidance and attendance at our meeting.

We also talked about the Operating Budget and Accounting Procedures and Policies, IRS Reporting and 990's, Fundraising Activities, Hospital Transportation Funds and Temple Reporting Deadlines. All very important

Gary Morgan — 3rd Vice President



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As spring has begun, it is time for the STA mid-winter meeting. We meet in March in Tampa, Florida. What a meeting it was. The food was great, the fellowship was fine, and all had a good time. However, the real reason we were there was for educational updates and training. There was a good number of treasures from many different states in attendance. There were several first time and newly elected treasures attending. The Imperial Treasure was there for the entire meeting. Classes were presented by the Imperial accounting and budgeting department. Imperial Sir. Jerry Gant attended and give a presentation

and update for Shriners Hospital for Children. Imperial Sir. Jim Cane gave an update on the upcoming Imperial session, it will be in Nashville, TN. A lot of hard work has gone into this Imperial session and it will be a great time. If you have not made plans to attending there is still time, but time is running out. Several other Imperial officers were at the meeting and spoke. The Ladies had a great time and both First Lady Gant and Cane spoke at their luncheon. The officers for the year of 2019 were installed. If you are a treasure and have not been attending, you do not know what you have been missing. If you are a treasure of your temple, and not a member of this great organization you can join at any time. For more information, visit our web site www.shrinetreasurers.org. A huge thanks to our Secretary/Treasurer Bob and his Lady Jane for putting together sure a well-planned and successful meeting. We appreciate the hard work, which they put forth for STA. Hope to see everyone and some new faces at our meeting during the Imperial Session.

Until then
God Bless.

Steve Harken —4th Vice President

*“If a question comes to mind,
please don’t be afraid to ask
someone for an answer. You have
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to ask”*



I have served the Masonic organization for over 35 years, I have served as each of my Lodge’s officers. I did the same with the district chairs serving as Vice President in 1993-94 and District Deputy in 1995-96. It was then I went on with the state chairs serving as President in 2007-08. I ended the run serving as a National Committeeman 2012-13.

Enough for now about myself.

Contrary to some, as Treasurers, we don’t know everything. If a question comes to mind, please don’t be afraid to ask someone for an answer. You have a wealth of experienced Treasurers to ask. I’m the first to admit I don’t know all the answers, due in part to the fact I haven’t heard all the questions.

This leads me into the topic of my next article—Networking.

As I begin my first article, I want to first thank everyone who voted for me to serve as the Association’s 4th Vice President. I hope I will live up to your expectations.

My wife Sherry and I have been married for over 35 years. We’ve lived in the Peoria area most of our lives and are both retired. I have been a Shrine member for over 25 years.

Robert the Bob Bulman — Secretary-Treasurer



- A Successful people compli- ment; unsuccessful people criticize. Successful people look for positive traits in others because they understand the impor- tance of cultivating confidence and growth. Criticism doesn't serve others constructively.
- A Successful people learn to for- give; unsuccessful people hold grudges. The art of forgiveness is the art of letting go. Successful people know how to release the negative emotion surrounding what someone has done. They move past it and move on.
- A Successful people accept responsibil- ity; unsuccessful people blame others. To be successful, you have to accept that you are responsible for your actions, including your successes and failures. Unsuccessful people throw the blame onto others when things don't go as planned.
- A Successful people want others to suc- ceed; unsuccessful people want others to fail. Successful people know that the suc- cesses of others do not diminish their own.
- A Successful people set goals and follow through; unsuccessful people don't. To be successful, you have to set goals. Thinking big and believing you can achieve them gives you something to strive for. Unsuc- cessful people may have a great idea of something to accomplish, but they tend to give up because they think it's too hard, and their great idea goes by the wayside. Take a look at your Divan and Past Potentates. Do you consider them successful? Do they demonstrate these above traits? Now look at yourself, are you as successful as you would like to be? If so great, if not, are practicing all of these traits? Be honest with yourself see how you can be even more suc- cessful than you already are.

Is your Temple successful? Are you success- ful?
 Recently I had the opportunity to read an article by Ray H. Hull a professor of commu- nication sciences and disorders at Wichita State University discussing what defines suc- cess and how does a person become success- ful.
 I felt that the article pointed out some inter- esting traits that successful people demon- strate as well as those traits that unsuccessful people display.
 The definitions of success are many and var- ied.
 Professor Hull ask "what are the characteris- tics that make people successful?" and "What are the traits that successful people possess?" He mentioned some traits that author Leon Ho (Something Missing in Your Life?) ex- plained.

"Is your Temple successful?"

Are you successful?"

Successful Traits:

compliment

forgive

accept responsibility

want others to succeed

set goals and follow through

Brad Koehn — Imperial Treasurer



in your endeavors. We were blessed to have had Imperial Potentate Jim Cain and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jerry Gantt share words of wisdom. If you were unable to attend we look forward to seeing you next year.

We all realize that membership is critical to each of our respective temples. As membership continues to decline, there are less nobles to pay dues, volunteer their time and support Shriners Hospitals for Children. Please work with your Divans and Nobility to emphasize bringing in new members. It is hard work but the results are well worth it.

The financial picture of Shriners International is always at the forefront. The Per Capita dues increase that was approved a few years ago will only take us so far. The Capital Evaluation Committee is currently reviewing all costs associated with the Imperial Session as well as those from the Home Office.

If membership does not turn around we will be faced with some important decisions.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our great Fraternity and Philanthropy. My Lady Cheryl and I look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

Yours in the Faith,
Brad T. Koehn, Imperial Treasurer

Please familiarize yourself with the bylaws as they relate to your position. You are now the leader of the budgeting process, ensuring there are proper financial controls in place to assist the Divan in managing the financial affairs of the temple.

Congratulations to all newly elected treasurers and to all those returning for another term. You are the Chief Financial Officer of your temple and as such have the responsibility of the financial stability of your Shrine temple. Please familiarize yourself with the bylaws as they relate to your position. You are now the leader of the budgeting process, ensuring there are proper financial controls in place to assist the Divan in managing the financial affairs of the temple.

I want to thank all of you who attended the Treasurer's Association Seminar in Tampa in March. There were many interesting and informative topics on the agenda to aide you

2019 Tentative STA Agenda

MUSIC CITY CENTER

201 5th Ave. S. Nashville, TN 37203

Saturday- June 29th 4:00 -

Executive Committee Meeting

TBD

Room: TBD

Sunday – June 30th

7:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast	
8:00	Annual Meeting – Call to Order	President Bill Wheeler
	Presentation of Colors	2 nd VP Vic Hopper
	Invocation	3 rd VP Gary Morgan
	Announcements (housekeeping)	President Bill Wheeler
	Introductions of Guests / Dignitaries	President Bill Wheeler
	Introduction of New Treasurers	1 st VP Bruce Wiggins
	Secretary / Treasurers Report	Secretary / Treasurer Bob Bulman
	Neurology Report	4 th VP Gary Morgan
8:45	Proposed Budget Presentation - Approval Vote	
9:00 – 10:00	JOHN C. FILAND Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer	
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:30	Imperial Officers Reports:	
	Imperial Treasurer BRAD KOEHN	
	Hospital Chairman Imperial Sir JERRY G. GANTT	
	Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir JIM CAIN	
11:30	Unfinished Business	President Bill Wheeler
	Topics for 2020 Spring Seminar	President & 1 st VP
	<i>2020 Shrine Treasurers Association Seminar March 21 - 23 Tampa FL</i>	
11:55	Invocation	3 rd VP Gary Morgan
12:00	Adjourn	President Bill Wheeler



