



# STA Ledger

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## Bill Wheeler — President

### Special Dates to Remember

*Mid Year Seminar*  
 March 2 - 5, 2020  
 Perdido Beach Resort  
 Orange Beach AL.

*Annual Meeting*  
 July 4, 2020  
 Kansas City, MO.



*Check it out at*  
[www.PerdidoBeachResort.com](http://www.PerdidoBeachResort.com)

Your STA officers have arranged your stay for \$124.00 plus tax for the guest room block. You can stay three days before our seminar and/or three days later for the same low rate. You may consider this a good time for vacation. Your STA officers are checking on the availability for transportation from the Pensacola International Airport to the Resort, if you should require it. Details will be made available in the near future.

Our "**Tentative**" Schedule for STA Seminar 2020, March 2nd - 5th - Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, Alabama is on our web site.

Check [www.shrinetreasurers.org](http://www.shrinetreasurers.org) for your "Registration Form". We will have breakfast for you and your lady each day by way of "Breakfast Vouchers", lunch Monday and Tuesday and Banquet Wednesday. Our meetings will be 8:00 AM - Noon! Afternoons will be "FREE" time to relax and network.

Noble Treasurers remember you are an essential "Chief Financial Officer" of your Divan and Shrine. Knowledge can be achieved at your "Spring Seminar" to help you with this important task. Also, nobles a financially healthy Temple and Patient Transportation Fund enables us to help children through the world greatest philanthropy "Shriners Hospital for Children". We help kids, that's what we do!

Yours in the Faith,  
 Bill Wheeler, President STA

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### Mid-Year Seminar

#### March 2—5 March 2020.

Nobles and Ladies,  
 For years your Treasurer Association officers have listened to requests from Temple Treasurers and Ladies for "change" with our Mid-Winter Seminar. Your officers have listened and "NOW" you are going to have it! We are changing the "PLACE" from Tampa, FL to Orange Beach, Alabama and "Changing" from a hurry up three day seminar to a four day more relaxed training. We are changing the date from close to tax season to - March 2 - 5, 2020 at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, Alabama. "**On the Beach.**" Your officers have been hard at work for you, to provide you and your lady with what you have requested. Perdido Beach Resort is a beautiful setting on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico.

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## Bruce Wiggins — 1st Vice President



*“your board members have listened and changed the date in order for you to attend this very important and informative meeting”*

Dear Fellow Treasurers, Nobles, and Ladies.

I realize that we have many treasurers that our CPA's or involved in the tax business and we have heard for many years that is a problem for you to attend our Mid Winter meeting. President Bill Wheeler as well as the rest of your board members have listened and changed the date in order for you to attend this very important and informative meeting, especially our newly elected Treasurers.

Also we have heard and listened that the ones that have attended our meetings in Tampa would

like to change locations similar to what the Recorders have been doing in the past. We had a great deal in Tampa with accommodations, a staff that we could work with and the food was very good. President Wheeler found a resort that will work with us, new state and on the water.

This is a resort where you can take a few days of relaxation with your family. The meeting will be at Orange Beach, Alabama at the Perdido Resort, you can come early or stay over a few days at our reduced rate. The agenda has been changed where you can attend the meetings and have the remaining time to spend as you wish.

We are working on arrangements (if you need) to pick you up at the Pensacola Airport. and return back to the Pensacola airport at the end of the session. Details will be available later this year.

Make your plans now to attend our meeting and enjoy the resort.

Hope to see you there,

Yours in the Faith  
Bruce Wiggins P.P. Treasurer  
Rizpah Shrine Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President STA

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## Vic Hopper — 2nd Vice President



wealth of information and guidance by attending.

A few reminders...if you are on extension for filing your 990's, that clock is ticking down to November 15<sup>th</sup>! You and, your Chief Rabban should be busy preparing his budget for next year. Remind him to budget funds for your travels to the Treasurer's Mid-Year Seminar in Orange Beach AL. and the Annual Meeting in July in Kansas City MO..

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Dear Fellow Treasurers,

Hope this finds everyone doing well and you've had a great summer.

In the blink of an eye, the winter months and Holidays will be upon us. Wishing you and yours a safe winter and Happy Holidays!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone March 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 5<sup>th</sup> for our meeting to be held in Orange Beach AL. at Perdido Beach Resort. If you want to pull it up on the internet, you can view the facility we will be at. I can't stress enough how important and informative these meetings are! Especially to new Treasurer's. All of us will gain a

Yours in the Faith,  
Vic Hopper, Jr., P.P., Treasurer  
El Hasa Shrine Center  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP STA

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## Gary Morgan — 3rd Vice President



Shriners with election, installations, getting directors and new divan member educated. Then there is the grind of tax returns not only for the temple, but also for all the units and clubs. I know many of you are CPAs and Accountants and this is the start a very busy season for you.

Then comes the great news just as you are getting wore out with the winter and the stress from the job, Spring begins and it is time to head to Alabama, to the **beach** for the STA meeting. This year's meeting is getting set up to be one of the best ever. I am sure a great time will be had by all who attend.

Hope to see you there.

Until then God bless you and your family, and God bless this great fraternity of ours.

Gary Morgan, Treasurer  
Kosair Shrine Center  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President STA

*“getting directors and new divan members educated”*

As fall is here and winter is coming soon. I'm sure everyone is busy getting ready for the holidays and all the reports that will soon be due at our temples. Here is hoping everyone has a great holiday season. Our Temple is very busy with Halloween parties for the children, Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas parties, and a huge New Year's Eve party. A large amount of fun and entertainment to be had by all.

With fun comes work. We will be very busy at KOSAIR

## Steve Harken —4th Vice President



they're coming back next year. If they're a new treasurer, check to see how the year's going.

Shortly after we returned back home, a new treasurer took the time to reach out to the other treasurers is his shrine's association. He asked them to send him several figures to see if theirs were in line with what his shrine was spending. He wasn't happy with some of the figures he received. His shrine's budget appeared to be way out of line in relationship to the membership they have.

Let's try an exercise in networking. As 4<sup>th</sup> VP of the STA, one of my duties is to oversee the hospitality at the Mid-year Seminar. With our moving from Tampa to Orange Beach, we have to recreate the hospitality room as most of it was left in Tampa. If you and your significant other are planning on attending the Mid-year Seminar, please send me your preference in adult beverages, as I want to have a successful conference and provide the best hospitality as it plays an important part in our networking with our peers.

In closing, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask them. The only silly question is the one that's never asked. If we don't have an answer, we'll try to find the answer.

Steve Harken Treasurer  
Mohammed Shrine Center  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice President

*“Networking is the exchange of information or services among individuals or groups to develop professional or social contacts. ”*

Networking is the exchange of information or services among individuals or groups to develop professional or social contacts. Networking can include attending association meetings, posting messages on any of the current social medias or simply talking with others, either by phone or in person. In short, almost any time you communicate with others, your networking.

At the last meeting in Tampa, in your packet Secretary Bulman included a list of the treasurers who had registered for the meeting. On the list was their contact information. This information is also available on Shriners Village. I hope you took the time to mark the names of those you met, either by sitting next to them in the meeting, at lunch or socially after the sessions. Reach out to them to see if

## Robert the Bob Bulman — Secretary-Treasurer

*“After More than a decade of going to Tampa FL. in March or April, WE are going to Orange Beach AL.”*



The STA Mid-Year Seminar will be held March 2—5 2020 at Perdido Beach Resort.

This is a change from many years of going to Tampa FL. Most of us don't like change, but change happens. Change can be exciting—something new and challenging, and on the other hand it can be fear producing, the proverbial fear of the unknown.

Change is difficult for most everyone, but if we just keep doing the same thing over and over and get the same results over and over again and again, we have to change our approach.

Your officers have listened to your comments regarding how we might encourage more members to attend our Mid-Year Seminar. For myself the greatest fear associated with this change is the fear of failure. But the only way I can avoid that is to do nothing. I am not willing to do that. Change is uncomfortable and potentially painful. Darwin wrote, "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but rather the most adaptable to change."

As the numbers of our Nobles continue to decline we must change our model, just as our hospitals have changed theirs to fit the environment in which they exist. As STA attendance declines we are making changes to our time and place to better accommodate those who are heavily involved with the tax season by moving the date to earlier in the year. For those who are not in the far Southeast part of the United States we are moving our meeting 500 miles to the Northwest.

We are also making arrangement with the Perdido Beach Resort to allow attendees to extend their stay either before or after the Seminar by a few days at the STA discounted room rate.

We believe all of these changes will benefit you in the ability to receive the training and the networking with other Treasurers during the Seminar.

Robert 'The Bob' Bulman  
Midian Shrine Center  
STA Secretary/Treasurer

## Brad Koehn — Imperial Treasurer



ments are made based on any changes that the incoming Potentate has for the coming year. These would include goals for membership, education for temple leaders and specific events to occur. It is not a difficult task but one that must take thought and a heavy dose of realism. Too many times revenue is unfairly inflated to offset what a Potentate wants to do during “his year”.

I continue to encourage all treasurers, and for that matter any divan member, to contact me with any questions or concerns they might have. I have spoken with many members this year on items from cash flow, to budgeting, to payroll issues. Remember, I am here as a resource for you.

I invite ALL treasurers to attend the upcoming Treasurers Association meeting which will be held the first week of March in Orange Beach, AL. Make plans to attend now and make sure this cost is included in the temple’s 2020 budget! The camaraderie and sharing is priceless. There is much to be gained by attending. I understand those that are in the tax business have obligations that come first, we will miss you.

Thank you again 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 all soon!

Yours in the Faith,

Brad T. Koehn, Imperial Treasurer

Greetings!!

As we wind down our calendar year, let’s make sure that our financial houses are in order. There is much to be done with closing the books and balancing the accounts. Bank accounts must be balanced, prepaids and accruals must be adjusted and the information must be reviewed with a common sense approach. Not only do we as treasurers have to ensure that the current financial statements are balanced, many of us are involved with assisting the Chief Rabbans in preparing a budget for the ensuing year.

One method I found helpful is to prepare a schedule that takes the last five year’s financial information to arrive at an average annual amount for the income and expense accounts. Adjust-

*“Remember, I am a resource for you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding any financial and reporting issues your temple might have”*

**Tentative Schedule for STA Seminar 2020:**  
**March 2<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach AL**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 – 5:00 PM Registration

**FREE** Valet Parking at the Resort

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast (Hotel Restaurant Voucher)

7:30 – 8:00 AM Registration

8:00 – 8:15 AM Opening Ceremony President **Bill Wheeler**

8:15 – 9:45 AM Temple Accounting for New Treasurers – **Deb Domini**

9:45 – 10:00 AM **Break**

10:00 – NOON Temple Accounting continuation – **Deb Domini**

NOON Box Lunch Provided

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast (Hotel Restaurant Voucher)

8:00 – 9:15 AM Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir **Jeff Sowder**

9:15 – 9:30 AM Q & A from STA Members

9:30 – 9:45 AM **Break**

9:45 – 11:30 AM Membership – Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir **Jeff Sowder**

11:30 – NOON Q & A from STA Members

NOON – 1:30 PM Lunch

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast (Hotel Restaurant Voucher)

8:00 – 8:30 AM Nominating Committee Report and Elections

8:30 – 9:00 AM Secretary/Treasurer Report – **Bob Bulman**

9:00 – 9:15 AM Shrine Treasurers President Report – **Bill Wheeler**

9:15 – 10:00 AM International Shrine Finances – Imperial Treasurer Imperial Sir **Brad Koehn**

10:00 – 10:15 PM **Break**

10:15 – 11:30 PM PIP Hospital Board Chairman Imperial Sir **Jerry Gantt**

11:30 – Noon Q & A from STA Members

Noon – 7:00 PM Free Time

7:00 – 10:00 PM **Banquet & Installation of STA Officers**

***Installation Dinner – Beach Theme (no shorts please!)***

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast (Hotel Restaurant Voucher)

8:00 – 8:30 AM Time and Place for Mid-Winter Seminar 2021

8:30 – 11:00 AM Web Fez Training – **Randy Barron**

11:00 – 11:30 AM Unfinished business

11:30 – **NOON** Comments from Newly Elected President of STA **Bruce Wiggins**

**Adjourn – 12 Noon**

**Tentative Ladies Schedule for STA Seminar**  
**March 2<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach AL**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 – 5:00 PM    Registration

**FREE** Valet Parking at the Resort

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Breakfast (Hotel Restaurant Voucher)

7:30 – 8:00 AM    Registration

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Breakfast (Hotel Restaurant Voucher)

9:30 – 11:30 AM    \*Ladies Meeting

11:30 – 1:00 PM    \*Chef Demo & Lunch

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast (Hotel Restaurant Voucher)

7:00 – 10:00 PM    \***Banquet & Installation of STA Officers**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast (Hotel Restaurant Voucher)

***Important Notes:***

**\* Only registered STA Ladies may attend**

***Installation Dinner – Beach Theme (no shorts please!)***



**SHRINE TREASURERS ASSOCIATION  
MID-YEAR SEMINAR  
2020 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

**Return to:**

Shrine Treasurers Association  
STA Secretary/Treasurer  
8918 W. 21<sup>st</sup> N.  
Suite 200, #236  
Wichita, KS 67205-1880

**Shrine Temple:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this your first time to attend the meeting?**  **YES**

	First Name	Last Name	Email address
<b>Noble</b>			
<b>Lady</b>			

	Arrival Date	Time	Will you need transportation from the Pensacola Airport?	Departure Date	Time	Will you need transportation from the Pensacola Airport?
<b>Noble</b>						
<b>Flight Info</b>						
<b>Lady</b>						
<b>Flight Info</b>						

Group transportation is being arranged for the afternoons of March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> from and to the Pensacola airport.

<b>REGISTRATION Deadline is February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	
<b>Noble Registration \$200.00</b>	\$
<b>Ladies Registration \$200.00</b>	\$
<b>Total Registration Due</b>	\$
<b>Cash or Check (Check Must be in US Currency Drawn on a US Bank) Checks to be made out to Shrine Treasurers Association</b>	
<b>HOTEL INFORMATION</b>	
Perdido Beach Resort 27200 Perdido Beach Boulevard Orange Beach, Alabama 36561 Ph# 1 (251) 981-9811 or (800) 634-7293	
<b>Make your own room reservations Room Rate Discount \$124 + Tax</b>	
<b>BOOKING ID # 16836</b>	
<b>(Rate Discount Deadline for Room: February 6, 2020)</b>	
<b>Bring the family and stay from Feb 28 to Mar 8 for this greatly reduced rate (must use Booking ID)</b>	
Registration Fee covers all activities included in the agenda.	
Seminar Check-In begins on Sunday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020 @ 1:00 PM	
Seminar ends Thursday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 noon	
Please make your own Flight Schedules and Hotel Reservations	

This is your Meeting we hope you enjoy your time in Orange Beach, AL.

Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach AL



Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach AL

Queen Room



King Room



Courtyard Suite

Executive Suite



## Important Information for all attending the Mid-Year Shrine Treasurers Association Seminar

1. Perdido Beach Resort is offering FREE Valet parking
2. The Resort is offering STA a discount room rate of \$124.00 ++ from Feb 24 thru Mar 8
3. [Video](#) Perdido Beach Resort (1 minute 30 seconds)
4. Local [Attractions](#)
5. Perdido Beach Resort ([www.Perdidobeachresort.com](http://www.Perdidobeachresort.com))

Click on the above underlined words for a hyperlink to the item described.