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Gary Morgan elected STA President

Special Dates to Remember

July 2-7
148th Imperial Session
Minneapolis, MN

July 3rd
Annual Meeting
Minneapolis, MN



God bless each and everyone of you. God bless our great country and keep her strong.

Yours in Faith,

Gary L. Morgan,

President -Shrine Treasurers Association

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Can you believe it is June already? The Imperial Session is just around the corner. It will be in Minneapolis, MN this year. We will have one of our 2 yearly meetings on July 3, 2022. Breakfast will be served. If you are going to be at the Imperial Session, please come to the meeting. There will be some important business taking place. Also, several members of the Imperial line and headquarters office will be present to speak to us about how things are going at the Imperial level. It will also be a great time to ask any questions you may have regarding Shriners International.

There will be a lot of talk and discussion about our annual Education Session we will have in March. I am very excited about this, and I think you will too once everything is settled and put into place. I look Forward to seeing you guys at both the Imperial and the Education Session in March. It will be a great time and we will get the business of STA done and who knows maybe will learn something in the process. Oh, and did I say we will have fun a long the way.

Steve HARKEN — 1st Vice President



“Imperial Session is getting close. Make your places to join us.”

For those of you who attended our meeting in Myrtle Beach last March, I hope you enjoyed yourself and left with a better understanding of what, in your position as Treasurer, the job requires of you. For those of you who are first year Treasurers, you are not alone. You have an entire association you can call on for help.

At one point during the meeting, we all introduced ourselves by giving both our names and Shrine affiliation. Hopefully you noted the names of those you've met, either by sitting next to them in the meetings, at lunch or socially after the sessions. Reach out to them to see if they're coming back next year, especially if they are close. If they're a new treasurer, check to see how the year's going. I have a new Treasurer from a Shrine located maybe 90 miles from mine. While I haven't done so yet, I do plan on calling him to see if he's attending our session at Imperial. If you have any questions on how to contact them, if you have their name, go to the STA website and open the directory. It's a list on this year's Treasurers, listed alphabetically by Shrine. You can then go to the Imperial

Directory and get their contact information.

For a number of the past 8 years, we've discussed the possibility of having a joint session with the Recorders. It looks like this next year we will be having our first meeting with them. While a number of details still need to be worked out, it looks like we will be in San Antonio, Texas. Additional info will be coming as it's available.

When I first started attending our spring meetings, they were always held in Tampa, Florida. Only recently have we started going to different locations. If there's a destination you would like to visit, please let us know where it is. With our starting to have joint meetings with Recorders, future locations are just one of the things we will need to agree upon. It would be nice to have a list of possible locations we may want to go to.

In closing, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Imperial session. Until then – STAY SAFE.

Steve Harken
Mohammed Shriners
First Vice President
Shrine Treasurers Association

Dennis SAIKALEY — 2nd Vice President



the best.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

Look after yourselves and your loved ones. I am only ever a phone call or email away.

Until the next time!
It is My Duty to Serve

Dennis M Saikaley, P.P.
Tunis Shriners
Second Vice President
Shrine Treasures Association

“It is incumbent on us, as the Temple Treasurer, to be diligent in the Financial Management of our Temples.”

Fraternal Greetings

I hope that this writing finds you well. I sit here writing this article two weeks after a terrible weather system ripped through the area that I live in on Saturday May 21st. What appeared to be large strong trees, came down like matchsticks. My home was without power, save for our generator powering our refrigerators and freezers, for almost 10 days. Houses were destroyed and church steeples tumbled. Our Shrine Office also lost power for days. Lives were lost. Thank goodness my family and those close to me are ok.

I will now shift to my article.

It is incumbent on us, as the Temple Treasurer to be diligent in the Financial Management of our Temples. A day does not go by without hearing of inflation., soaring gas prices and supply chain issues. Are you tracking your Temple accounts closely? Are you sharing updates with your Divan and Nobility? Will you need to go to the membership for more funds or will you ‘tighten the belts’ or relocate funds. I am of the firm belief that we must hold ourselves to a higher standard and bring the hard truths forward. This type of analysis has to be ongoing and we must not ignore and hope for

Bill KUTSCHBACH — 3rd Vice President



Imperial Sirs, Illustrious Sirs, Shrine Treasurers, and Nobles all: I consider it an honor to have been elected as the 3rd Vice President of the Shrine Treasurers Association. I thought it appropriate to introduce myself through a brief resume/bio (somewhat in chronological order) as follows:

I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio with 3 siblings. My father was a bank president and my mother a homemaker. I did my undergraduate work at Ohio State University. I have a son (also a Shriner) and 3 grandchildren.

My professional careers follows” I worked for a large national bank in Columbus, Ohio for approximately 10 years as a teller loan officer, a banking office assistant manager and eventually a statewide manager in the EFT (electronic funds transfer) department. I was subsequently offered and accepted employment with the State of Ohio as an Assistant Chief Auditor in the Medicaid division, after which, I became the Chief Auditor and

ultimately the Chief of the Bureau of Audits. In 1986, I joined a large (top 200 nationally) Accounting & CPA firm in Cleveland, Ohio as a Senior Manager and was elevated to the status of Partner 2 years later. I continued being a partner in the firm for 30 years, the last 10 as Managing Partner.

My Fraternal background:

Aladdin Treasurer
New England Lodge #4 (1973)
Aladdin Shrine life member
Order of Eastern Star
Aladdin Mariners Yacht Club
(past Commodore)
Aladdin Medical Unit
Aladdin NE Shrine Club (past president)
Aladdin Knife and Fork Unit
Youth Masonic Organizations
Chapter Master Councilor
District Master Councilor
Ohio—State Scribe
Ohio— State Treasurer
Priory—Illustrious Knight
Commander (local chapter)
State Priory— Ohio State Illustrious Knight Commander

I look forward to working with all of you in the Shrine Treasurers Association.

Bill Kutschbach
Aladdin Shriners

“The STA meeting in July will be a worthwhile meeting for all Treasurers. We hope you will join us.”

Francois NASRAOUI —4th Vice President



a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge #62 as well as Victoria Lodge #73. I am a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the York Rite as well as the Shriners. I am very dedicated to Freemasonry and I have had the privilege to serve in several leadership positions within our fraternal order. I am serving my second year as Treasurer of the 3 entities with the Karnak Group in Montreal: Karnak Shriners, Karnak Club & Kartem Foundation; and my ninth year as Grand Treasurer of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR) Valley of Montreal. I was also the VP Charities of the Masonic Foundation of Quebec (MFQ), Member of the Grand Lodge of Quebec (GLQ) Finance Committee, Member of the Board of Directors of the MFQ, General Chairman of the Annual Session Organizing Committee of the Supreme Council of the AASR, Chairman of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Organizing Committee of the GLQ and Chairman of the Fundraising Organizing Committee of the MFQ. Having been a boy scout for more than 10 years, I have learned to enjoy and appreciate nature and the outdoors. My favorite sports activities are downhill skiing, biking, rustic/wilderness camping, sailing, scuba diving and squash. Thank you for your trust and I am looking forward to meeting you soon...

Best regards,

François E. Nasraoui, MBA, C. Adm.
Karnak Shriners

Dear Nobles, I have been privileged to be elected as the 4th VP of the Shrine Treasurers Association at the last Winter seminar in Myrtle Beach, SC so here is a brief overview of my background. I have earned my MBA with a joint Concentration in Finance and International Business from McGill University in 1997. I have specialized in Mergers and Acquisitions and over the past 25 years I have had the opportunity to work in this field both in the corporate world and in private entrepreneurship. I am presently the President & General Manager of Finma Canada Inc, a consulting firm offering M&A Advisory & Managerial Accounting services for Canadian Small & Medium Size businesses as well as Property Management services (Residential and Commercial). Additionally, I hold the title Certified Administrator as a member of the Order of Certified Administrators of Quebec. I have also developed extensive governance experience serving on the Board of Directors of several organizations (profit and non-profit). From a Masonic perspective, I am

*“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”*

Brad Koehn — Imperial Treasurer



Brad T. Koehn, Imperial Treasurer

I hope and pray that all of our Treasurers and their families are safe and healthy. What we have experienced these past two years is nothing short of bizarre and amazing, all at the same time. My hope is that you and the other officers of your Shrine Centers have been able to keep your temples afloat and membership is gaining traction. It is imperative that we work as hard as possible to increase membership. New nobles inject enthusiasm, are an added source of volunteers and are the future leaders of our organization.

It was great to see those of you that attended the Spring Treasurers Association meeting in Myrtle Beach. What a great area with many amenities to satisfy our thirst for adventure. We were able to gather and rekindle old friendships, share stories and generally encourage each other. The best ideas and resources come from inside our own group of treasurers.

I want to congratulate the newly elected treasurers and those choosing to return for another term. We appreciate your desire and dedication to serve. You are the Chief Financial Officer of your temple and as such have the responsibility of providing up-to-date and accurate financial information to the Divan and nobility of your Shrine. Please familiarize yourself with Imperial and temple bylaws as they relate to your position. You are the leader of the budgeting process and also charged with

ensuring there are proper financial controls in place to assist the Divan in managing the financial affairs of the temple.

I want to encourage as many as possible to attend the Imperial Session held in Minneapolis the first part of July. I know the Executive Committee has put together a program packed full of information. We will also hear from Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Shriners Hospital for Children and Imperial Sir Bill Bailey, Chairman of the Board of Shriners International.

I have said this many times, 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 approved six years ago has taken us farther than anyone expected. The continued decrease in our membership will require us to make some important decisions in the very near future. I am grateful and proud that the Shrine Treasurers Association unanimously approved supporting the per capita increase. I intend to update the treasurers on the current financial situation and, again, ask for your help.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our great Fraternity and Philanthropy. A special thank you to Bob Bulman and Lady Jane for providing much needed insight and leadership as Secretary-Treasurer of this esteemed group. My Lady Cheryl and I look forward to seeing you in July!

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.

2022 Tentative STA Annual Meeting Agenda

The 2022 Annual meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in conjunction with the 148th Imperial Session

Hilton Minneapolis, Rochester Room

1001 Marquette Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55403

Sunday – July 3rd

Rochester Room

7:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast	
8:00	Annual Meeting – Call to Order	President Gary Morgan
	Invocation	3 rd VP Bill Kutschbach
	Presentation of Colors	2 nd VP Dennis Saikaley
	Announcements	President Gary Morgan
	Introductions of Guest	President Gary Morgan
	Introduction of New Treasurers	1 st VP Steve Harken
	Secretary/Treasurer Report	Secretary/Treasurer Bill Wheeler
	Necrology Report	Secretary/Treasurer Bill Wheeler
9:00 – 10:00	John C. Piland, Shriners International EVP/COO	
10:00 – 10:10	Break	
10:10 – 11:30	Imperial Officers Report:	
	General Order #2 Jon A. Hanson Jurisprudence and Laws Committee	
	Imperial Treasurer BRAD KOEHN	
	Hospital Chairman Imperial Sir Jerry G. Gantt	
	Imperial Potentate William S. “Bill” Bailey	
11:30	Unfinished Business	President Gary Morgan
11:40	New Business	President Gary Morgan
	Topics for 2023 Mid-Year Seminar	President & 1 st VP
12:00	Adjourn	President Gary Morgan

Bill Wheeler—Secretary / Treasurer



Thank you Shrine Treasurers Association members for electing me your Secretary Treasurer. It has been a learning curve since March. I have STA Officers and Treasurers to thank for their continuing help and support.

We all want to thank Robert 'the Bob' Bulman and Lady Jane for their years of leadership, devotion and continued guidance to our organization.

Report of STA Elections, March, 2022

Pres: Gary Morgan (Teresa) Kosair

1st VP: Steve Harken (Sherry) Mohammed

2nd VP Dennis Saikaley (Catia) Tunis

3rd VP Bill Kutschback, Aladdin

4th VP Francois Nasraoui (Rania) Karnak

Sec-Treasurer Bill Wheeler (Brent) Cahaba

For the first time the STA and the Shrine Recorders Association will hold a joint meeting next March 2023 in San Antonio, Texas at the San Antonio Airport Hilton. Our meeting will be the week of March 20, 2023. Mark you calendar!

This will be a historic event in the historic city of San Antonio.

Bill Wheeler Secretary / Treasurer
Cahaba Shriners

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