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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.*



We are excited!!

At the seminar you will have all the updated informative Treasurers information presented as necessary with Imperial Officers and guest speakers, each morning, after you and your lady has breakfast. Ladies will have a meeting Monday and a Special Chiefs presentation Tuesday. The afternoons will be yours as you please.

We are working on providing you transportation to and from the Pensacola International Airport.

If you are interested in coming early or staying late, we have made arrangements to stay longer if you wish at the same discount rate of \$124.00 plus tax.

Check it out at:

PerdidoBeachResort.com.

Lady Brent and I enjoyed our time with you in Nashville at our annual meeting and we know you made a special effort to be there and we thank you.

God Bless America
and

God Bless
Shriners Hospital Hospitals for Children

Yours in the Faith

Bill Wheeler, President STA
Treasurer Cahaba Shriners

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Mark your calendars now for next year's

Mid-Year Seminar March 2—5 March 2020.

Our seminar will be Monday through Thursday.

You have requested change, and your leadership has listened.

We are going to make it happen! You will have to help us. Plan now to include the Seminar in your budget for next year. And ask other Treasurers to join you in March, 2020.

We are changing the time and place. The membership at our annual meeting June 30, 2019, approved the changes. We are going to the BEACH.

Orange Beach, Alabama and Perdido Beach Resort.

Bruce Wiggins — 1st Vice President



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Dear Fellow Treasurers, Nobles, and Ladies.

We have just returned from the Imperial session in Nashville, Tennessee, hopefully you were there and enjoyed the activities if not you missed out on a lot of fun and information regarding our hospitals and fraternity.

I had not been to downtown Nashville in quite a while and it has certainly changed. They used to say Shriners had a lot of fun, we could not hold a light to the people of Nashville, they know how to party.

We had a great treasurer meeting Sunday morning at the Omni Hotel, very nice free breakfast and was visited by the Imperial Divan and Board of Trustees, and with very good information from Imperial Sir Jim Cain.

At previous treasurers meetings you have indicated a change is needed in our March meetings, dates and place. If you attended our last meeting in Nashville you have already heard this, but if not there is good news coming. President Bill Wheeler has listed the dates and locations for our Midwinter 2020 meetings on page 1 of this Newsletter.

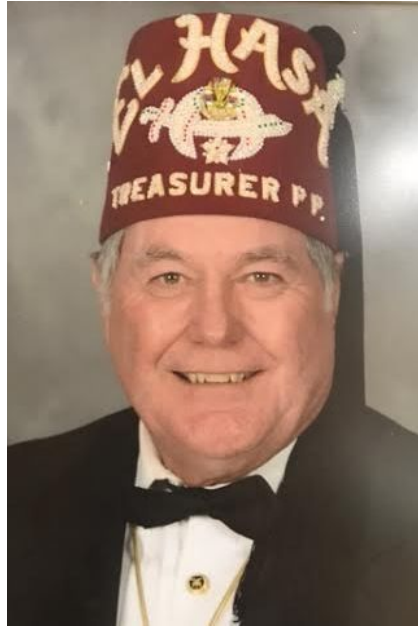
In closing hope to see you in 2020 at Mid-Year as well as at Imperial Session in Kansas City, Mo.

Yours in the Faith

Bruce Wiggins P.P. Treasurer
Rizpah Shrine Center
1st Vice President STA

STA Ledger

Vic Hopper — 2nd Vice President



Upon returning home, please check to make sure you are up to date on all reports due, both to Imperial and to the IRS. It takes all of us working together to make sure our fraternity and our Shrine Centers stay in compliance and run more efficiently.

For those who have been wanting to change our meeting from Tampa to somewhere else, we heard you and are going to a new place.

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Dear Fellow Treasurers,

Perdido Beach Resort.

We had a GREAT meeting and Imperial Session in Nashville, TN! Thanks to those that were able to attend and for those that weren't able to make it, you missed a great session, a great Treasurer's meeting and Lots of Fun!

We will keep you updated as to our progress.

I sincerely hope everyone will be able to attend the Mid-Year Seminar in March. It is so informative, especially for new Treasurers and it ensures we are all

I'd like to thank our Imperial Sir and his Divan for coming to our meeting and for all the hard work put forth setting up the session, as everyone I've talked to had a wonderful time.

working more effectively together.

Yours in the Faith,

Vic Hopper, P.P., Treasurer
El Hasa Shrine Center
2nd Vice President STA

Gary Morgan — 3rd Vice President



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WOW, what a great STA meeting we had while attending the Imperial Session in Nashville, TN.

We were, visited by the entire Imperial line. Received a great and very informative report on the state of Shriners Hospital International by Past Imperial Sir/Chairman of the Hospital Board, Jerry Gantt. We also received A report from Imperial Treasurer Brad Koehn.

We had had a very positive business meeting, which was put together and presented by our President Bill Wheeler and Secretary/Treasurer Bob Bulman. The 2019 and 2020, STA

Budget was presented and ratified..

Many people attending the mid-winter meetings have been asking and requesting we have the meeting somewhere beside Tampa, FL. The line of elective officers have been listing to what you were saying. Thanks, to the hard work of our President Bill Wheeler and Secretary/Treasurer Bob Bulman our 2020 Mid-Year Meeting will be held at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach AL. More information is available at end of this Newsletter.

I hope that you and your Lady will be able to attend. If you have not attended our meetings in the past this is the time to see what STA is doing, you do not know the educational and fellowship opportunities you are missing. Hope to see you at the Mid-Year Meeting.

God bless each one of you
and
God Bless America!

Gary Morgan, Treasurer
Kosair Shrine Center
3rd Vice President

Steve Harken —4th Vice President



UCCs the ability to conduct business in the event their treasurer passes away. We had this happen in my Shrine.

We had a member whom I'll call John. John and his wife, Jane, were very active members. They attended most of the functions, even attending numerous Imperial sessions.

I know John was treasurer in at least two units or clubs. Only when he passed away, did they find out he was the only signature on the accounts. While the units and clubs could continue with their meetings, they couldn't pay bills or donate. Depending on the frequency of their meetings, it could take 1-3 months before they elected a new treasurer. With the Shrine's treasurer on the account signature card (S), they would be able to conduct business as usual until the election of a new treasurer.

Another reason is a unit or club going dark. When this happens, the assets are usually liquidated and given to the Shrine or a charitable donation is made, normally to the hospital fund, a specific hospital or Imperial. However, occasionally not all the assets are liquidated or an account may have been overlooked. With the shrine's treasurer listed on the account, the problem is quickly resolved and a great deal of paperwork eliminated.

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"It is a requirement that shrine treasurers be on ALL unit, club, committee (UCC) accounts"

I would like to address a mandate from Imperial which may be overlooked by a number of Shrines. It is a requirement that shrine treasurers be on ALL unit, club, committee (UCC) accounts. If your Shrine isn't complying with the requirement, now is the time to start planning on implementing it next year.

The explanation you can use on your UCCs is simple. It isn't to take their funds. As they fall under the umbrella of their individual Shrine, their funds are already the Shrine's funds.

That's one of the reasons every UCC files their taxes under the Shrine.

One reason is to give the individual



STA Ledger

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Steve Harken —4th Vice President

The major problem with putting the shrine’s treasurer on all the UCC accounts isn’t necessarily with the UCCs. It’s with the financial institutions being used. Because of the size of the territory each Shrine covers, I doubt every UCC in any one Shrine’s territory is handled by just one financial institution. I know there may be several exceptions, but most of the Shrines cover hundreds, if not thousands of miles.

Each institution used has rules and regulations they must follow. Will a bank allow you to sign from your home location or do you need to go to the bank itself and sign? I’m fortunate as my farthest location is only 130-140 miles away, not 500+ like some Shrines. They may also require a resolution authorizing the name addition. This may be covered by the minutes of the respective UCC. An-

other way would be for the Shrine to issue a letter explaining the Imperial’s requirement and as Chief Financial Officer of the Shrine you are already an ex officio member of all UCCs and are required to be on the accounts.

In closing, if your Shrine isn’t requiring the Treasurer to be on ALL accounts, now is the time to start getting your Shrine in compliance. If the paperwork is done before the elections in December, the treasurer should be able to start the New Year with minimal issues.

Should you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Steve Harken Treasurer
Mohammed Shrine Center
4th Vice President

Robert the Bob Bulman — Secretary-Treasurer



of 45 to 60 for the past several years.

That is only about 27% of the Treasurers.

A consistent argument for not attending has been that many of members are involved with the tax season. With the Seminar being held so close to April 15 it was difficult for many to take time off from their work to attend. By moving the Seminar to the beginning of March this should help with that issue.

As I mentioned earlier 'A DECADE' of going to Tampa has put us in a 'RUT'.

Many of the other Shrine Associations move their meetings to different areas of the country. This not only changes the scenery but balances the cost a little for those who are not close to Tampa.

Tampa has been very good to us in the past with concessions from the Hotel and the availability of Headquarters Staff to attend our Seminars. But when we met with the Hotel to plan for 2020, the concessions had all gone away, and when we finally received their proposal, the room rate had increased by almost 20%.

Your President Bill Wheeler went on a mission to find a Time and Place that would enhance the experience at our Seminar. He is making several changes to the 'old' agenda, which will make your attendance much more enjoyable.

As this venue is a resort, rooms will sell out quicker than those we had in Tampa.

So I will be sending the registration form along with your dues notice so you will be able to register and book your room early enough not to miss out on this Seminar.

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

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That's right.

Perdido Beach Resort to be specific.

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

I have included several pages at the end of this newsletter for your review.

Here is their Web-Site:

peredidobeachresort.com

Now back to the right stuff.

The attendance at the Seminar has been less than desired, somewhere in the range

Brad Koehn — Imperial Treasurer



care landscape together as a large team of system leaders. After an historic vote by the Joint Boards and the Boards of Governors of the Galveston and Houston Hospitals, the Houston hospital will be relocating inside the Galveston facility. This is an exciting transition within our system as we continually work to serve more kids in more places in the most efficient manner possible.

At the Session I gave a power point presentation on behalf of the Capital Evaluation Committee. The presentation focused on the financial health of Shriners International, now and into the future. There are three main areas that affect our financial position; scrutinize expenses, raise per capita dues or a positive membership gain. It is imperative that conversations take place this year on the options in front of us regarding Session costs, headquarter expenses and the potential need to raise dues. Please discuss this amongst your leadership teams at your temples and keep me posted on what you would like to see happen in the future. We do have choices and we must make them soon.

I encourage and invite ALL treasurers to attend the upcoming Treasurers Association meeting which will be held next spring. The camaraderie and sharing is priceless. There is much to be gained by attending.

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

“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”

A new Imperial Shrine year is upon us and we have a new Imperial Potentate, Jeff Sowder. I am honored and grateful to continue to serve the Fraternity and Philanthropy as Imperial Treasurer for another year. It was great to see many of you at the Imperial Session held in Nashville. I do appreciate each and every one who attended. Many of you have called me over the past three months with questions about your temple finances, financial reporting and other matters. 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.

At this past Imperial Session legislation was passed to change the by-laws regarding the governance of our hospitals. The impetus for this change came from our own Leadership Conference held last January as we approached our ever-changing health-



SHRINE TREASURERS ASSOCIATION MID-YEAR SEMINAR 2020 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Return to:
 Shrine Treasurers Association
 STA Secretary/Treasurer
 8918 W. 21st 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
Noble			
Lady			

	Arrival Date	Time	Departure Date	Time
Noble				
Flight Info				
Lady				
Flight Info				

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 6TH, 2020

REGISTRATION	
Noble Registration \$200.00	\$
Ladies Registration \$200.00	\$
Total Registration Due	\$
Cash or Check (Check Must be in US Currency Drawn on a US Bank) Checks to be made out to Shrine Treasurers Association	
HOTEL INFORMATION	
Perdido Beach Resort 27200 Perdido Beach Boulevard Orange Beach, Alabama 36561 Ph# 1 (251) 981-9811 or (800) 634-7293 Make your own room reservations Room Rate Discount \$124 + Tax BOOKING ID # 16836 (Rate Discount Deadline for Room: February 6, 2020)	
Registration Fee covers all activities included in the agenda.	
Seminar Check-In begins on Sunday, March 1 st 2020 @ 1:00 PM	
Seminar ends Thursday, March 5 th , 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.
Please include your e-mail address above.

Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach AL



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Queen Room



King Room



Courtyard Suite

Executive Suite



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