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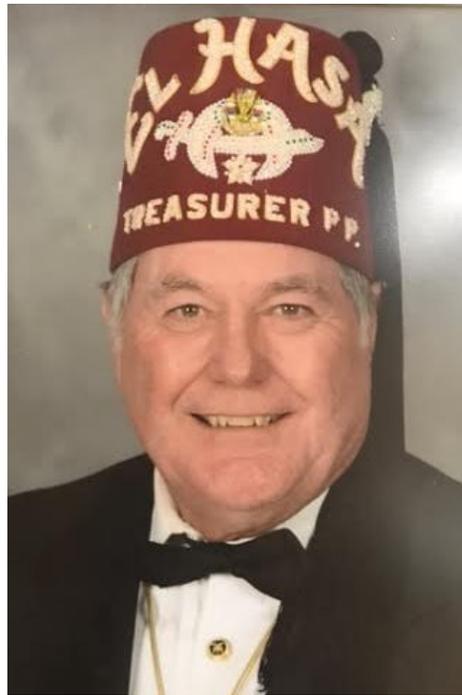
February 26 thru March 9
Possible dates for Mid-Year
2022 Seminar

July 3-7-2022
148th Imperial Session
Minneapolis, MN

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Vic Hopper — President



Dear Fellow Treasurers:
Hope this finds all of you doing well and you and your families and your Shrine families back together again! We may be finding our way close to the end of all the Covid restrictions and finally be able to get back to some normal

and fun activities.

As you know, our Imperial Session is fast approaching and I hope you have all made the necessary arrangements to attend.

I'm getting excited to go and hope to see each of you in Houston.

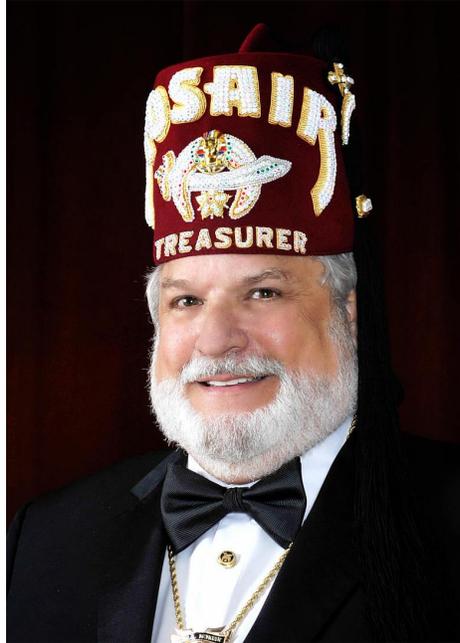
There is a lot to be learned by attending these meetings. We are working toward having several Imperial Divan officers come by to speak to us and I believe it will be very informative for all of us.

Vic Hopper
President
Shrine Treasurers Association

El Hasa Shrine

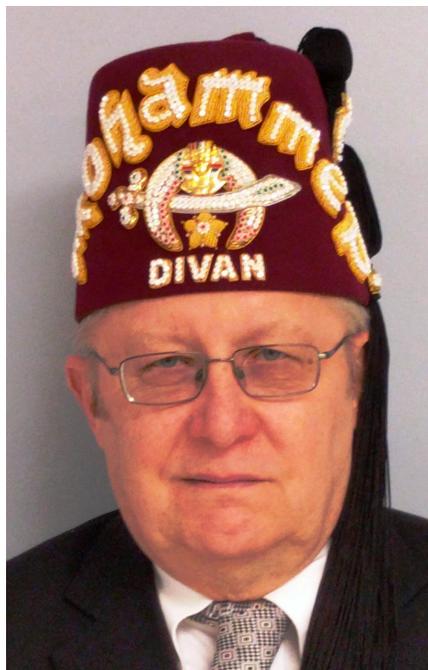
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Gary Morgan — 1st Vice President



Gary was unable to write an article for this publication . . . In time for the publication deadline.

Steve Harken — 2nd Vice President



to be better defined. What exactly does Potentate's travel consist of? In the past, I know of a Potentate who tried to get his Shrine to pay for his trips to and from the Shrine for stated meetings, among other travel. This was a trip of maybe 100 miles round trip each month. He was told his Shrine wouldn't pay for his monthly travel expenses as he knew the policy when he ran for office. They also added his predecessors hadn't been paid and neither would his successors. Now fast forward to this year. Another Potentate ran for office last year, he was reminded he had moved out of state for a new job. When asked if he was still planning on running for Potentate, his reply was yes. He was then asked how he was going to pay for the gas he would use for trips back for stated meetings and the activities he was planning on having this year. He stated he was aware of the rules and would be paying his own way. Later, when the Hospital Chairman was asked about missing gas receipts for the credit card, he said they hadn't made any trips. Only then did his Shrine discover the Potentate may have used his Shrine's credit card for his trips.

This is just an example of grey areas that may be hidden in your budgets. Please take the opportunity to do a budget comparison and see if you might have any conflicts. If so, take action to resolve them before they become major issues by actually taking the time to rewrite the line items as needed. Remember, by being proactive, you'll eliminate any confusion or misinterpretation later.

In closing, is there anything in particular you would like to hear about? If so, just let the officers know and we'll try to put something together for the next newsletter. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Houston. Until then-STAY SAFE.

Steve Harken
2nd V/P Shrine Treasurers Association
Mohammed Shriners

Hopefully this article finds everyone in good health after the year we've just had and trying to get back to a somewhat normal way of life.

With everything shut down for most of the year, you probably didn't have most of the fundraisers you had planned, resulting in less income than anticipated to operate on for the upcoming year. On the good side, you didn't have the expenses for those fundraisers. However, the reoccurring bills still came in and had to be paid, causing money to be tight for the year.

As a result, now is the time, even though we're roughly half way through the year, to compare last year's budget with this year's and see where cuts might need to be made. You may also want to compare the budgets with any policies you may have on expenditures. Do any of the budget line items conflict with any of these policies requiring a more detailed explanation of what they cover?

An example is a line item pertaining to Recorder's and Treasurer's expenses when they attend their respective conference. It also covers Potentate's travel. While the first two are somewhat self-explanatory, it's the last one that needs

“compare the budgets with any policies”

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Dennis Saikaley — 3rd Vice President



levels, or will they ever do so? If your Temple needs that level of Revenue to balance your budget, what new initiatives have arisen? When I attended the Assistant Rabban Course in 2010, there were buttons made that said 'But We Never Did It That Way' and had a RED line through it. Well, this has never been more true. Fundraising events that worked for years may no longer be viable either in the short or long term. There are new opportunities out there and your Temples need to try them and ideally, be on the 'ground floor' in your communities and thus get early traction. It is not all doom and gloom, but treat it as an opportunity. When we look at the expense side, for the most part, many of us have seen drops in expenses, simply because there is less going on. For example, Meeting and Travel Expenses dropped quite a bit for the second half of 2020 and most of 2021.

Which Expense Accounts will return to pre-COVID levels in say 2022?

I think that you can all see where I am going with this. This is a good time to thoroughly review these things. It is time to put our 'Thinking Caps' on and work together.

In closing, I hope that our borders are soon open and that I can be with many of you again. In the meantime, there are ways to reach out to one another and I urge you to do so.

Keep well, stay safe and keep in touch.

Yours In The Faith,

Dennis M. Saikaley P.P.
Treasurer, Tunis Shriners
3rd Vice President,
Shrine Treasurer's Association

My Fellow Treasurers,

I hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy.

Here we sit as another Imperial approaches and although Houston is a 'Go', it will be difficult for many to attend. How sad.

Much can be said about what is going on around us, but that topic has been discussed enough. Let me focus on our Role as Temple Treasurer and on how we can be Leaders in moving things forward.

How each of our Temples have fared out since March 2020 depends on where your Temple sits and what restrictions were or have been in place in your communities. The common element is that each of us was, and our Temples were impacted.

We have all had to look at our budgets and review and perhaps modify things based on declining revenue and in some accounts, declining expenses.

What is your projection on when Revenues will return to say 2018 or 2019

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Robert the Bob Bulman — Secretary-Treasurer



God Bless all those that have worked so hard to protect us from that all but invisible enemy (Covid—19)

As it appears currently we are going to have a very informative Seminar at our meeting July 3 in Houston. Just look at what's in the plan.

- *Audits/reviews –
- *Temple hosted charitable fundraising events –
- *Permissible expenditures of hospital patient transportation funds –
- *Role of Treasurer –
- *Segregation of duties –
- *Importance of budgeting post-pandemic –
- *Membership growth –
- *Dues Cycle –

*Marketing and Communications –

*Fraternal Information Services –
July 4 will be our Annual Meeting. We have a great line of speakers for this morning meeting.

John Piland Executive Vice President, COO

Bob Kuehn and Jon Hanson Jurisprudence and Laws Committee

Imperial Treasurer

BRAD KOEHN

Hospital Chairman Imperial Sir **JERRY G. GANTT**

Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir **JAMES R. "JIM" SMITH**

For all those of you in good standing that register prior to June 24, there will be a FREE Breakfast Buffet prior to the meeting.

A copy of the Schedule for the Seminar and the Agenda for the annual meeting are located on the following pages.

You will also find a registration form at the end of this newsletter.

On a very sad note, **President Bruce Wiggins** passed away this past December while still in office of the Shrine Treasurers Association.

God Speed Bruce

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

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Brad Koehn—Imperial Treasurer

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Wow, what a year we have all experienced. Who would have thought the world would be held hostage by a virus? Let us give a shout out to the scientists and researchers who created the vaccine. My thoughts have been with you and your shrine families during the pandemic. I visited with a number of fellow treasurers during the year about numerous topics. I pray that each of you and your temples have survived with as little disruption as possible.

What a shame that the virus caused us to cancel our Spring Treasurers Association meeting in San Antonio. I know many of us were looking forward to gathering and rekindling old friendships, sharing stories and generally consoling each other. In light of that, 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 re-

sponsibility of providing up-to-date and accurate financial information to the Divan and nobility of your Shrine temple. 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 Houston the first part of July. I know the Executive Committee has put together two days 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 Jim Smith, 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 fewer 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 continued decrease in our membership will require us to make some important decisions in the very near future. I will update the treasurers on the current financial situation and ask for your help.

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 Houston!

Yours in the Faith,

Brad T. Koehn, Imperial Treasurer

Tentative Schedule for STA Seminar 2021:
July 3rd – Marriott Marquis – Houston , TX

Special Notice
Advanced Registration IS Required

Friday, July 2nd

3 PM– 6 PM Registration Check In (TBA)

Saturday, July 3rd **ALL events will bein the LIBERTY ROOM**

All Attendees Must Be Registred (Registration fee is \$50)

7:00 – 7:30 AM Registration Check In

7:30 – 7:45 PM Call to order (Presentation of Colors, Invocation, & Introduction – Pres. Vic Hopper

7:45 – 10:00 AM Temple Accounting (New Treasurers - emphasis)

10:00 – 10:15 AM **Break**

10:15 – NOON Temple Accounting cont'd (Audits/Review, Temple Hosted Charitable Fundraising
Events, Dues Cycle, Hospital Transportation Funds)

NOON – 1 PM **Lunch - Provided (Liberty Room)**

1:00 – 2:30 PM Web Based Training –

2:30 – 2:45 PM **Break**

2:45 – 3:15 PM Membership –

3:15 – 3:45 PM Marketing & Communications

3:45 – 4:15 PM Comments from Imperial Officers

4:15 – 4:45 PM Closing comments – President Vic Hopper

2021 Tentative STA Annual Meeting Agenda

The 2021 Annual meeting will be held in Houston Texas in conjunction with the 147th Imperial Session

Marriott Marquis

1777 Walker St, Houston, TX 77010

Sunday – July 4th

Room: Liberty

7:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast	
8:00	Annual Meeting – Call to Order	President Vic Hopper
	Invocation	3 rd VP Dennis Saikaley
	Presentation of Colors	2 nd VP Steve Harken
	Announcements (housekeeping)	President Vic Hopper
	Introductions of Guests / Dignitaries	President Vic Hopper
	Introduction of New Treasurers	1 st VP Gary Morgan
	Secretary / Treasurers Report	Secretary / Treasurer Bob Bulman
	Necrology Report	Secretary / Treasurer Bob Bulman
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:	
	General Order #2 (Call for ...2021) Jurisprudence and Laws Committee	Bob Kuehn, Jon A. Hanson
	Imperial Treasurer	BRAD KOEHN
	Hospital Chairman Imperial Sir	JERRY G. GANTT
	Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir	JAMES R. "JIM" SMITH
11:30	Unfinished Business	President Vic Hopper
11:40	New Business	President Vic Hopper
	Topics for 2022 Mid-Year Seminar	President & 1 st VP
	<i>2022 Shrine Treasurers Association Seminar</i>	
12:00	Adjourn	President Vic Hopper



**SHRINE TREASURERS ASSOCIATION
MID-YEAR SEMINAR
&
ANNUAL MEETING**

2021 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** **No**

	First Name	Last Name	Email address
Noble			

REGISTRATION Deadline is June 24th, 2021		
Registration for Seminar (\$50.00)		\$
Registration for Annual Meeting (Free)		
I will be attending the Annual Meeting	Yes No	
Total Registration Due <small>Cash or Check (Check Must be in US Currency Drawn on a US Bank) Checks to be made out to Shrine Treasurers Association</small>		\$
Meeting Location Information		
Marriott Marquis 1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77010 Liberty Room		
Registration Fee covers all activities included in the agenda.		
Seminar Check-In begins on Friday, July 2 @ 3:00 PM		
Seminar ends Saturday, July 3 rd , 2021		
Please make your own Flight Schedules and Hotel Reservations		

These are your Meetings we hope you enjoy your time in Houston, TX.