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# STA Ledger

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## STA Updates and Information

### Special Dates to Remember

Sunday June 30, 2024 8-9 AM  
STA Breakfast  
Imperial Session  
Eldorado Hotel  
Reno, Nevada

Breakfast included for all  
Treasurers with their paid  
2024 STA dues.



**President Dennis Saikaley**

For those of you who were at the Seminar in Tampa, you heard that the site of our 2025 Treasurer's Seminar was announced and is now confirmed to be in Sacramento, CA in April. More details will follow in Reno. The Chief Rabban of Ben Ali Shrine in Sacramento and his Lady have agreed to pop by our Annual Meeting in Reno to speak to us.

That is all that I have for now. Please ensure that you read the articles prepared by rest of the STA Executive for this newsletter.

See you in Reno.

Dennis Saikaley P.P.  
STA President 2024-25

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Greetings One and All,  
It seems like yesterday that we were together in Tampa and now, Imperial is less than a month away.

First off, thank you for the support that you placed in me by electing me as your President this year and progressively since Electing me as 4th Vice President in Perdido Beach.

Your Executive has been busy since we left Tampa. We have a great agenda for our Annual Meeting in Reno. I hope that you can all make it. Please make sure to inform us of your attendance intentions to ensure that the proper number of breakfasts are ordered.



## Bill KUTSCHBACH - 1st Vice President



Fellow Treasurers: Greetings from Shrine Treasurers Association.

It's summertime and that could mean various things to the Shrine Treasurers. Since many of the Shrine centers, units and clubs are "dark" for some of the summer months, it gives us the opportunity to address our "things to do" list:

I. Planning the Internal training for our units and clubs.

-Your specific Shrine center' policies and procedures concerning expense reporting and reimbursement.

- Year-end club and unit financial statement preparation and "audit trail"

- Future contractual agreements with your CPA audit(or review)

firm. Also, the merits of an "audit" versus a "review" both financially and results driven.

- Unit and club fraternal fund-raising procedures versus Hospital fund raising policies and procedures.

- Unit and club account signature cards (are we signers?) - Any temple accounting issues.
- 2. Internal software or hardware issues and opportunities (or training)
- 3. Meet with the Chief Rabban to begin to formulate the basis and framework for the 2025 budget. Run reports to identify 1st half 2024 results as well as historical data regarding
- revenues and expenses by category.
- 4. Continue to review financial reports, bank statements, and a credit card statements.
- 5 Life membership updates.

We look forward to seeing you at the Imperial Session. As usual, we will have the Shrine Treasurer's meeting on Sunday morning which will include several training sessions and discussions. We are also soliciting ideas for next year's training sessions, so please let us know what you would like to see on the agenda going forward. In the meantime, enjoy your summer.

J. William Kutschbach (Bill)  
Treasurer - Aladdin Shriners 1st Vice President - Shrine Treasurers Association



## Francois E. Nasraoui - 2nd Vice President



application is accepted, you will log into your account and you can buy all the applications and hardware equipment that you need at a substantial discount. Additionally, some software manufacturers (such as Microsoft) also have specific programs tailored to Non-profit organizations where they offer free licenses of some of their most renowned applications (such as Office 365, Microsoft 365, etc.) for approved Non-profit organizations. A word of advice, first register your Shrine center as a Non-profit with Techsoup, as it will speed up the approval of your application with the other suppliers. Stay safe and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

YITF .: François E. Nasraoui, MBA, C. Adm. 2 nd VP, Shrine Treasurers Association

Dear Fellow Treasurers, Hope you have enjoyed our Mid-year seminar in Tampa, Florida. It was quite productive and enjoyable; and it was great reconnecting with many of you. As a non-profit organization, we, the Treasurers, must do our best to control and minimize the expenses of our Shrine centers. One of the areas where we can achieve that objective and benefit from substantial savings is in Information Technology. It is fairly simple and here is how you can do it. As a registered Non-profit organization, a Shrine center can benefit from steep discounts (even free licenses) on a diverse suite of Software applications, programs and even computer hardware equipment. For example, Techsoup (website address: techsoup.org for US Shrine centers and Techsoup.ca for Canadian Shrine centers) is an organization specialized in offering such products and services for non-profit organizations. You will find many applications and products from a wide variety of suppliers such as Microsoft, Adobe, Intuit, HP, Cisco, Zoom, etc. All you need to do is register your Shrine Center as a Non-profit organization. Once your



## Ryan Harris - 3rd Vice President



As we once again prepare to meet for our Annual Meeting, I hope you are as excited as I am to once again be in the company of my fellow Nobles from Shrine Centers all over the world for some fun, camaraderie, and to share in the joint experience that is Imperial Session!

One of the other parts of these get-togethers that I look forward to is the chance to interact with you, my fellow Treasurers. Our position within our individual Shrine Centers, and in Shriners International, is possibly one of the most important roles that we can fill, the protector of the Shrine's assets on behalf of our Nobility. It is a position of trust and responsibility that few who haven't been in the position can fully comprehend, and the chance to join others in the position and openly discuss issues and situations amongst the understanding is always a great time.

Since the Shrine Treasurers Association has migrated to more of an education-based program over the years,

the benefits of attending each Mid-Year and Annual meeting has grown exponentially. Yes, we have some topics that necessarily need to be addressed year after year, but your Officer corps has worked to get varied topics on the agenda, but we need your help.

Your input helps guide and direct the educational agenda and having new presenters helps vary the approach, even to the same topic. If you have an idea, feedback, comments, insults...anything... please let us know! If you have a topic from your Shrine Center or professional life that you think would be of interest to other Treasurers, please let us know! If you are interested in joining the Officer line in the coming years, please let us know! This is our Association, it's only as great as our participation allows it to be, so please let us know!

Yours in the Trust,

Ryan M. Harris, CISA  
Treasurer, Bahia Shriners  
3rd Vice President, STA



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## — 4th Vice President



My passion for the STA is to help with bringing education to the membership and continuing to expand the reach and resources of for the Treasurers of Shrinedom.

Fraternally,

Christopher S. Sanders  
Treasurer, Mizpah Shriners  
4th Vice President Shrine  
Treasurers Association



I want to start out thanking each of you for the opportunity to serve in the STA leadership. Serving as the Treasurer isn't seen by the Nobility as position of excitement but it is a position of passion. 2024 is my seventh year serving as the Treasurer of Mizpah Shrine, starting in 2015 for my first stint and restarting my journey again in 2021. From the beginning of my service the STA has been a resource in improving my abilities and understanding of requirements of the position.





## Brad Koehn — Imperial Treasurer



My apologies I was not able to attend the Spring Treasurers Association meeting in Tampa. I had a previous commitment that kept me away. What a great decision to have a joint

meeting with the Recorders and to have the event at a Shrine Temple. This provides for productive sharing of ideas and I am sure, less costs are incurred.

I want to again, 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 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 Reno the first part of July. I know the Executive Committee has put together an agenda 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 Ed Stolze, 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 for 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 last year ago was a huge boost to our financial outlook. That being said, it will not take us as far as we would like. 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 supported 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. My Lady Cheryl and I look forward to seeing you in July!

Yours in the Faith,

Brad T. Koehn, Imperial Treasurer



## Bill Wheeler— Secretary / Treasurer



Our **2024 Annual Meeting** is coming up and I am enthused about the treasurers we have this year. The meeting will begin at 8:00 AM, with a delicious breakfast at the Eldorado Hotel. Remember our breakfast is for treasurers whose temple has paid the STA annual dues.

The Shrine Treasurers Association has been to Tampa with the Shrine Recorders Association this year and a big thank you goes out to Egypt Temple. All our events and most meals were provided by Egypt Temple including bus rides to and from the hotel to the temple. Elections for STA officers also happened as well as the installation by Imperial Sir Ed Stolze of our elected officers. Please welcome aboard our new 4th VP Chris Sanders and congratulations to all our other officers who were installed..

An agenda for the annual meeting in Reno is provided in this edition of the Ledger. I hope that you will join us to learn more about your office and the importance of the treasurer to your shrine temple.

Lastly, I would like to announce that our Mid Winter 2025 meeting will be held in Sacramento, California on April 7-8, 2025. More information will be made available at a later date.

William A “Bill” Wheeler

Cahaba Shriners

STA Secretary-Treasurer

Shrine Treasurers Association

Annual Meeting Agenda

Eldorado Hotel – Tuscany/Chardonnay - Reno, Nevada

Sunday June 30, 2024

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome – STA President Dennis Saikaley

9:15 – 10:00 Fund Raising – STA 1st VP Noble J. William (Bill) Kutschbach

10:00 – 10:30 “THE CALL” – Noble Jon Hanson

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:00 Sec/Treas Report – STA S/T Noble Bill Wheeler

11:00 – 11:30 Credit Cards – STA 3rd VP – Noble Ryan Harris

11:30 – 11:45 Imperial Treasurer Brad Koehn

11:45 – 12:00 STA President Dennis Saikaley Q&A



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