



South Atlantic Shrine Association

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Minutes of the 48th SASA Annual Meeting

September 18, 2021

Hilton Double Tree, Myrtle Beach, SC

Noble Noel Cissel (Kosair) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcomed everyone to our Annual Business meeting and proceeded to establish protocol in due form. Oleika Legion of Honor posted colors and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Ill Sir Dave Juergens (Kosair) then recognized SASA Chaplin, Noble Bill Dehn to open the meeting with an invocation.

President Juergens then introduced the SASA Director Generals for our Spring meeting, Noble Noel Cissel (Kosair) and Noble Rusty Watson (Omar). He then praised their work to make this Session a success and for their support to SASA.

Noble Noel Cissel introduced the 2021-2022 SASA officers who were present.

Ill Sir Donald Ratliff, (Kazim) Secretary/Treasurer and SASA Past President (2013-2014)

Ill Sir Len Noble, (Oleika) 5th Vice President

Ill Sir Jason Hinkle (Beni Kedem) 4th Vice President

Ill Sir Thornton Holt, Jr., (Acca) 3rd Vice President

Ill Sir Jim Wilson, (Amran) 2nd Vice President

Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun, (Omar) 1st Vice President

Ill Sir Dave Juergens (Kosair) President

President Juergens then introduced our Imperial Officers who were present.

Illustrious Sir Leslie (Doc) Stewart (Omar), Trustee, Shriners Hospitals for Children

Illstrious Sir Chuck Pitman (Yaarab), Trustee, Shriners Hospitals for Children

Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, Past Imperial Potentate from Arabia Shriners, President Board of Directors, and Chairman Board of Trustees, Shriners Hospitals for Children

Imperial Recorder Jim Cain from Al Menah Temple

Imperial High Priest and Prophet Richard Burke, from Yaarab Shriners

Imperial Chief Rabban Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven from Omar Shriners

He noted that we would afford them the opportunity to make remarks later in the program.

President Juergens then introduced the Past Presidents who were present.

Ill Sir R. Jack Richardson 1989-1990 Beni Kedem

Ill Sir John R. (Bob) Gray 2006-2007 Omar

Ill Sir Ray Fields 2007-2008 Amran

Ill Sir David Monnell 2008-2009 Khedive

Ill Sir Donald Ratliff 2013-2014 Kazim

Ill Sir Edward (Eddie) Everhart 2014-2015 Kerbela

Ill Sir Mike Matthews 2015-2016 Rizpah

Ill Sir Steve Tucker 2016-2017 Jamil

Ill Sir Steve Norris 2017-2018 Sudan

Ill Sir Doug Stalnaker 2019-2020 Nemesis

President Juergens then recognized our Secretary/Treasurer, Ill Sir Donnie Ratliff (Kazim) for the reading of the minutes from the Spring meeting. A motion was made and properly seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and the vote was unanimous.

President Juergens then recognized our Secretary/Treasurer, Ill Sir Donnie Ratliff (Kazim) for roll call. Noting we have 7 officers and 10 SASA Past Presidents present. The number beside each Shrine Center represents the number of Representatives present at the meeting.

❖ ACCA	7
❖ Alhambra	5
❖ Alee	7
❖ Amran	1
❖ Beni Kedem	6
❖ El Hasa	5
❖ Hejaz	0
❖ Jamil	5
❖ Jericho	9
❖ Kazim	8
❖ Kerbela	8
❖ Khedive	6
❖ Kosair	6
❖ Nemesis	9
❖ Oasis	9
❖ Oleika	5
❖ Omar	10
❖ Rizpah	3
❖ Sudan	9
❖ Yaarab	6

He reported we have 124 representatives including 7 officers and 10 Past Presidents; thus, a quorum was present and we are ready to proceed with business.

President Juergens then called on 3rd Vice President, Ill Sir Thornton Holt to present the Finance and Audit Report.

After reviewing the financial records of the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) here are the findings of the Audit Committee to report to the Association.

1. Business Checking Account - \$71,498.03
2. Savings Account - \$87,599.02
3. **Total Accounts** - \$159,097.05

This figure does not reflect expenses incurred for Fall meeting.

It is the recommendation of the audit committee is that the books are in order based on all facts and figures presented. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the SASA Budget as presented. The vote was unanimous.

President Juergens called on the Ill Sir Ratliff to present the finance report for the past year on the SASA accounts, which runs from October 1 through September 30. He reported the data for both the checking and savings account. He reported a loss in the checking and savings from the end of last year, which was September 2020 to the last current accounting through August was **\$17,415.21**. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the financial report as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Ill Sir Ratliff presented the SASA Secretary/Treasurer budget for 2021 -2022. This is the primary account for SASA excluding the Spring and Fall meeting budgets. Income projected in the budget is \$42,164.05 with expenses of \$49,500, thus a loss of **\$7,335.95** He assured the representatives that he would do everything he could to save what he could save and not be in the red at the end of the year. He noted he was under budget by roughly \$11,000 this past year. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the SASA Budget as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Ill Sir Ratliff then announced the temples who would be placing names for consideration for 5th Vice President to the Nominating Committee and they are as follows;

2022 Oasis

2023 Khedive

2024 Kerbela

He informed Oasis he would send a sample Resolution for 5th VP for them to use and informed them they needed to appoint or elect a nomination at their annual meeting when they elected new officers for next year. He made mention that, he ran the list through 2056 and each officer has the line up in their officer's book for this meeting. If any temple wants to see when their temple would be eligible, all they need to do is ask.

President Juergens then called on the 1st Vice President, Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun to present his budget for both the Spring and Fall meeting for 2021-2022 He made the comment that they were looking forward for us to visit North Charleston in the Spring. Ill Sir Calhoun offered a budget for the Spring meeting that represented a balanced budget and for the Annual meeting in the fall at Myrtle Beach, he presented a budget that was cash positive. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve both budget reports and the vote was unanimous.

President Juergens then called on the 1st Vice President, Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun for the Time and Place Committee Report.

2022	Spring	March 24-26	North Charleston, SC
	Fall	Sept 15-17	Myrtle Beach, SC

2023	Spring	March 24-26	Raleigh, NC
	Fall	Sept 20-24	Myrtle Beach, SC
2024	Spring	March 21-24	Richmond, VA
	Fall	Sept 19-23	Myrtle Beach, SC

Ill Sir Calhoun offered this as his report and made the motion for adoption. A second was made to the motion to approve the Time and Place report as presented, and the vote was unanimous.

Ill Sir Juergens called on Ill Sir Jason Hinkle to present the Visitation and Meeting report to note the various temples and events the SASA officers had attended since our last meeting. Ill Sir Hinkle reported a total 9 visits by our officers.

President Juergens then called on the 5th Vice President, Ill Sir Len Noble to present the Credential Committee report. Ill Sir Noble reported we had 7 SASA officers present; 6 Imperial officers, 10 Past Presidents and 124 representatives. We had 1,545 nobles and family members registered at the time of the business meeting. The ladies' luncheon was sold out, as was the Hillbilly Shindig. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Credential Committee report as presented, and the vote was unanimous.

Ill Sir Ratliff a report on the SASA Shrine Center's Membership. We had 10 Shrine Centers with a gain in membership, with one having no change and 8 with a decline in membership. The twenty SASA Shrine Centers began the year with 33,593 individual members and our year-to-date membership was 34,096, a gain of 0.12%

Ill Sir Juergens read a Resolution from Alee Shriners to place the name of Ill Sir Freddie Humphries as their recommendation for 5th Vice President of SASA. Ill Sir Juergens made the motion and it was properly seconded to approve the Nominating Committee report as presented to place the name of Ill Sir Freddie Humphries as the 5th VP of SASA. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve Ill Sir Humphries as 5th Vice President of SASA. The vote was unanimous; Ill Sir Freddie Humphries received a round of applause and accepted the nomination.

President Juergens presented the Nominating Committee report, which was as follows;

Secretary Treasurer – Ill Sir Donnie Ratliff, PP (Kazim)

5th Vice President - Ill Sir Freddie Humphries, PP (Alee)

4th Vice President - Ill Sir Len Noble, PP (Olieka)

3rd Vice President - Ill Sir Jason Hinkle (Beni Kedem)

2nd Vice President - Ill Sir Thornton Holt, Jr., PP (Acca)

1st Vice President - Ill Sir Jim Wilson, PP (Amran)

President - Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun II, PP (Omar)

Ill Sir Juergens made a motion for each of these officers to serve SASA 2021-2020 and it was properly seconded to approve the Nominating Committee report as presented, and the vote was unanimous. Each officer was ask if he agreed to serve for the years of 2021-2022 and they answered in the affirmative.

President Juergens then called for any new business. The discussion and the vote to change the SASA Bylaws to increase the number of SASA members from 20 to 25 Shrine Centers. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the change to our Bylaws as explained, and the vote failed by one vote.

President Juergens invited the candidate for Imperial Outer Guard, Ill Sir Ron DeVoll (Zuhrah) to the podium and he spoke to the group as to why he was seeking that office. Ill Sir Len Noble read a letter from Ill Sir William Rasner who is running for Trustee for Shriner's Hospital, who could not be with us due to a scheduling conflict. Next, we had one individual wishing to be our next Trustee for the Shriners Hospital Board, Ill Sir Chuck Pittman. Ill Sir Pittman spoke for a few minutes to explain why he wanted to be re-elected to the office.

President Juergens then asked the Director General, Rusty Watson, for announcements, noting the dedication and effort put forth by him to make the event possible. His first comments were to praise his team and that he takes no credit. He then gave us an update on our status at Myrtle Beach. He reported the city has shorten the parade route due to a lack of available police officers. He asked us to do what we can to eliminate gaps in the parade. If a temple is not ready to pull out at the appointed time, that temple may not get to parade. If anyone has any suggestions as to make things better, he asks them to contact him. There will also be a Parade Marshall's meeting at 4:00 PM

President Juergens invited Imperial officers for any comments they wanted to share. Each Imperial officer spoke with important information for us to consider.

Ill Sir Jurgens then ask any temple to come forward for any check presentations. The Kosair Charities had offered a dollar for dollar match up to \$100,000 to be divided equally to the 3 hospitals in the SASA footprint. Omar Potentate Buddy Ellis presented an IOU for \$25,000 for the match to support our Greenville, Dayton and Lexington Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Ill Sir Dave Juergens adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Donald L Ratliff

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald L. Ratliff".

SASA Secretary/Treasurer
September 18, 2021

A second handwritten signature in cursive script, identical to the one above, reading "Donald L. Ratliff".

