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Minutes of the 49th Spring SASA Annual Meeting

March 25-26, 2022

North Charleston Marriott, SC

President Ralph Calhoun, II (Omar) called the meeting to order at 11:50 am establishing protocol in due form. The Omar Director's Staff posted colors and then Asst. Director General Steve Clemmons led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SASA Chaplin, III.. Sir John Stanley (Oasis) opened the meeting with an invocation.

President Calhoun introduced North Charleston City Councilman, Kenny Skipper, for his welcome and remarks.

President Calhoun then introduced the SASA Director General for 2022, Noble Rusty Watson (Omar) and SASA Asst. Director General, Noble Steve Clemons (Omar). He praised their work to make this session a success and for their support to SASA.

Noble Rusty Watson introduced the SASA Officers:

1. Secretary/Treasurer III. Sir Donald Ratliff, PP (Kazim) SASA Past Pres. 2014
2. 5th Vice President, III. Sir Freddie Humphries PP (Alee)
3. 4th Vice President, III. Sir Len Noble, PP (Oleika)
4. 3rd Vice President, III. Sir Jason Hinkle, PP (Beni Kedem)
5. 2nd Vice President, III. Sir Thornton Holt, PP (ACCA)
6. 1st Vice President, III. Sir Jim Wilson, PP (Amran)
7. President SASA 2021-2022, III. Sir Ralph Calhoun III, PP (Omar)

President Calhoun introduced III. Sir Andy Garvin, Potentate of Omar Temple, for his remarks. III.. Sir Andy welcomed us to North Charleston and to Omar's oasis.

President Calhoun then introduced our Imperial Officers who were present, Imperial Sir High Priest and Prophet, Imperial Sir Richard Burk, Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, PIP, Chairman of the Board of Shriners Children Hospitals, Ill. Sir Leslie Stewart, PP, Board of Shriners Children Hospitals

President Calhoun then introduced the Past Presidents who were present:

- Ill. Sir Paul Gregg, (Jamil) 02-03
- Ill. Sir Bob Gray, (Omar) 06-07
- Ill. Sir David Monell, (Khedive) 08-09
- Ill. Sir Donald Ratliff, (Kazim) 13-14
- Ill. Sir Edward Everhart, (Kerbela) 14-15
- Ill. Sir Dave Juergens, (Kosair)

President Calhoun thereupon recognized our Secretary/Treasurer, Ill. Sir Donnie Ratliff (Kazim) for the roll call. Noting we have 7 officers and 6 SASA Past Presidents present. The number beside each Shrine Center represents the number of Representatives present at the meeting.

ACCA	4
Alhambra	3
Alee	4
Amran	3
Beni Kedem	4
El Hasa	9
Hejaz	4
Jamil	3
Jericho	3
Kazim	3
Kerbela	4
Khedive	3
Kosair	4
Nemesis	4
Oasis	12

Oleika	2
Omar	14
Rizpah	2
Sudan	3
Yaarab	1

He reported a quorum was present and to proceed with business.

President Calhoun then called on the SASA Secretary/Treasurer, Ill. Sir Donnie Ratliff to read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made and properly seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and the vote was unanimous.

President Calhoun asked 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 accounts, representing income and expenditures from October 2021 to the last bank statement which was February 2022. The ending balance for the checking account was \$47,742.46, which had a positive delta of \$3,237.51. The savings account had \$88,032.52 which was a positive delta of \$114.54. He noted since he took over this position of Secretary/Treasurer, we had lost almost \$50,000 in the accounts. He reported the following income by the years since 2011.

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>SASA income</i>
2010-2011	John Chaney	\$13,159.27
2011-2012	Joe Scott	\$39,311.18
2012-2013	Doyle Simmons	\$41,168.43
2013-2014	Donnie Ratliff	\$56,681.48
2014-2015	Eddie Everheart	\$28,164.03
2015-2016	Mike Mathews	\$19,468.48
2016-2017	Steve Tucker	-\$14,303.56
2017-2018	Steve Norris	-\$3,973.61
2018-2019	Greg Diffenderfer	-\$14,500.00
2019-2020	Douglas K. Stalnaker	-\$14,316.36
2020-2021	Dave Juegens	\$30,080.61
2021-2022	Ralph Calhoun	
11-year total income		\$180,939.95

Ill. Sir Ratliff then asked President Calhoun if he could proceed with other items that we needed to discuss for a vote, and he was given permission to proceed. A motion was made by Ill. Sir Ratliff to remove Pete Rambo and Greg Diffenderfer as signatures on both the checking and savings account at

the Eastman Credit Union Account and to add Ralph Calhoun, Jim Wilson, Thornton Holt and Jason Hinkle to the signature line on both of those accounts. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. He then made a motion that we add signatures to both the checking and savings accounts to the Wells Fargo bank accounts. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Calhoun then announced the temples who will be placing names for consideration for 5th Vice President for the next 3 years to the Nominating Committee. The next 3 years' appointments for 5th VP as approved at the 2017 annual meeting are:

2022	Oasis
2023	Khedive
2024	Kerbela

He noted he has included the list through 2055, with each officer having the line up in their officer's book for this meeting. He also noted that if any temple wanted to see when their temple would be eligible, all they have to do is ask.

Ill. Sir Donnie Ratliff presented the membership report for the January 2021 through December 2021 time period. He noted we had gains for the temples of Alee, Jamil, Kazim and Nemesis. We had an overall loss of -2.52%.

The next item of business was the consideration of a change in the Bylaws. President Calhoun explained there were two revisions to consider. The first revision to consider was an increase in the membership of the number of temples to 25, which would give each region one additional temple. A motion was made to reject the increase in the numbers of temples from 20 to 25. A second was made and it was unanimously rejected by the representatives who were present. The second change to the Bylaws was to delete a section of the Bylaws. The deleted sentence reads: "however, that the Association may, with previous written notice, by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the Representatives voting at the meeting, amend these bylaws." Upon motion and second, there was unanimous consent to delete this sentence from the Bylaws.

President Calhoun called on the 5th VP, Ill. Freddy Humphries, to present the Credential Committee Report. Ill. Sir Freddie Humphries reported we have 7 officers, 6 SASA Past Presidents, 96 Representatives and 108 Nobles registered.

Ill. Sir Edward R. Hazlett II (El Hasa) asked to speak and came to the front of the room. He wanted to thank SASA for sending a donation to El Hasa Shriners to help with the flood they encountered. He said the temple is open again and he appreciated all the help they received from other temples also.

President Calhoun, II then called on the 1st Vice President, III. Sir Jim Wilson for the Time and Place Committee Report. III. Sir Wilson reported the following.

2022	Spring	March 24-26	Charleston, SC
	Fall	Sept 15-17	Myrtle Beach, SC
2023	Spring	March 24-27	Raleigh, NC
	Fall	Sept 21-25	Myrtle Beach, SC
2024	Spring	March 21-24	Richmond, VA
	Fall	Sept 19-23	Myrtle Beach, SC
2025	Spring	March 21-23	Charleston, WV

III. Sir Wilson 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.

President Calhoun is chairman of the Nominating Committee and he announced the next Shrine Center to place a name in nomination for 5th Vice President is Oasis. He called on the Potentate of Oasis, III. Sir Tim Daniels, to come forth and read the resolution. The resolution form Oasis signed by the Divan on January 20, 2022, to place III. Sir William Henry Carter as their recommendation for the next 5th VP. This resolution is read at this meeting for information only as III. Sir Carter will be voted on at our annual Business meeting in Myrtle Beach in September 2022.

III Sir Buddy Ellis (Omar) addressed those present with details and plans for the next Imperial Session.

President Calhoun then called on Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, PIP, Chairman of the Board for Children's Hospital for his remarks and report. Imperial Sir Gantt gave a very emotional talk about cases he had been involved in at our hospitals and reported on the changes we have made and the results we are getting. He offered his sincere thanks to the President and the SASA officers for their hospitality. He said they were delighted to be here in North Charleston. He offered to answer any questions we might have on the hospitals and the fraternity.

We had presentations from our Greenville, Dayton, and Lexington Hospitals. We had presentations from those listed below.

- Illustrious Sir Leslie Stewart, PP, Board of Trustees Shriners Children's
- Representative of Shriners Children's Greenville – Tim Ludwig
- Representative of Shriners Children's Lexington – Wesley Scott
- Representative of Shriners Children's Dayton – Bethany Deines

President Calhoun invited the candidates for Imperial Outer Guard and Trustee for the Shriners Hospital Board to speak, we had 2 had candidates present, III. Sir Ron DeVoll (Zuhrah) and III. Sir David Hamm (Sharon) and both addressed the group.

President Calhoun invited the candidates for Trustee for the Shriners Hospital Board to speak. We had 3 candidates present: Ill. Sir Andrew Kuo (Salaam), Ill. Sir William Rasner (Murat), and Tim Ludwig made comments for Ill. Sir Chuck Pittman (Yaarab), who had a conflict and could not be with us. Each candidate had 5 minutes to speak.

Ill. Sir John Stanley, SASA Chaplin offered the benediction.

The first section of this meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm to reconvene on March 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

The reconvened meeting began at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Ill. Sir John Stanley, SASA Chaplin, gave the invocation.

President Calhoun proceeded opening the Welfare and Advisory Committee session and asked the temples to provide us a list of those who are sick or in need of prayer. Kazim Potentate, Ill. Sir Matt Clarke offered up the name of Mike Day of Kazim. None of the other temples offered any names.

Ill. Sir Ralph Calhoun thereupon introduced the Imperial Officers for their messages:

- Illustrious Sir Leslie Stewart, PP, Board of Trustees Shriners Children's
- Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, PIP, Chairman of the Board Shriners Children's
- Imperial First Ceremonial Master Imperial Sir Larry Leib
- Imperial High Priest and Prophet Imperial Sir Richard Burke
- Imperial Chief Rabban, Imperial Sir Kenneth G. (Kenny) Craven

President Calhoun asked each Director General for announcements. Noble Rusty Watson reminded us that when it comes to the Myrtle Beach Festival, it is important for us to capture everyone that comes to SASA. The Shriner pays for registration, but his family pays nothing. To be eligible for the A-Tax money, we need to account for everyone that comes with us, so it is important to register your wife and family. Please register any visitors and family that comes to the beach as their registration is free. He also spoke of problems we encountered at the last parade in Myrtle Beach.

President Calhoun called on our Director General, Noble Rusty Watson, to proceed with the drawing for parade positions for the Annual Meeting in September 2022 at Myrtle Beach. Noting we have drawn in alphabetical order for years, this year the process was to draw the Shrine Centers out of a basket and then they would draw for parade positions in the order the Shrine Center was pulled out of the first basket. Each temple was called forward in the order of their name being drawn out of the first basket in order to draw for parade position out of the second basket. As a result, the parade will line up in order by the number shown below. The number beside each Shrine Center is the number they drew for the step off position in the parade.

ACCA	3
Alhambra	12
Alee	5
Amran	17
Beni Kedem	10
El Hasa	19
Hejaz	20
Jamil	6
Jericho	13
Kazim	7
Kerbela	8
Khedive	18
Kosair	2
Nemesis	11
Oasis	9
Oleika	4
Omar	1
Rizpah	15
Sudan	16
Yaarab	14

After the parade drawing, Ill. Sir Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m., but asked for our counterparts to meet immediately after adjournment with the appropriate SASA officer.

Ill. Sir John Stanley, SASA Chaplin offered the benediction.

Respectfully submitted

Donald L Ratliff



SASA Secretary/Treasurer

March 28, 2022

