



## South Atlantic Shrine Association

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Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> SASA Annual Meeting

September 15, 2022

Hilton Double Tree, Myrtle Beach, SC

Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun, (Omar) President called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., welcomed everyone to our Annual Business meeting and proceeded to establish protocol in due form. Noble Rusty Watson, Director General, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun then recognized SASA Chaplin, Ill Sir John Stanley to open the meeting with an invocation.

President Calhoun, then introduced the Potentate of Omar Shriners, Ill Sir Andy Garvin to welcome us to the Omar

Noble Rusty Watson introduced the 2021-2022 SASA officers who were present.

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

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

Ill Sir Len Noble, (Oleika) 4th Vice President

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

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

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

Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun, (Omar) President

25 President Calhoun then introduced our Imperial Officers who were present.

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27 Illustrious Sir Leslie (Doc) Stewart, PP, MD (Omar) Shriners Children's Board Trustee

28 Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett (Alzafar) Imperial Marshal

29 Imperial Sir Larry Leib (Moslem) Imperial Oriental Guide

30 Imperial Sir Richard Burke (Yaarab) Imperial Assistant Rabban

31 Imperial Sir Kenneth G. (Kenny) Craven (Omar) Imperial Potentate

32 He recognized each for remarks

33 President Calhoun then introduced the Past Presidents who were present.

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

35 Ill Sir Ray Fields 2007-2008 Amran

36 Ill Sir David Monnell 2008-2009 Khedive

37 Ill Sir John Chaney 2010-2011 Oleika

38 Ill Sir Donald Ratliff 2013-2014 Kazim

39 Ill Sir Edward (Eddie) Everhart 2014-2015 Kerbela

40 Ill Sir Mike Matthews 2015-2016 Rizpah

41 Ill Sir Steve Tucker 2016-2017 Jamil

42 Ill Sir Steve Norris 2017-2018 Sudan

43 Ill Sir Doug Stalnaker 2019-2020 Nemesis

44 Ill Sir Dave L. Juergens, 2020-2021 Kosair

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

49 President Calhoun then recognized our Secretary/Treasurer, Ill Sir Donnie Ratliff (Kazim) for roll call.  
50 Noting we have 7 officers and 11 SASA Past Presidents present. The number beside each Shrine Center  
51 represents the number of Representatives present at the meeting.

52	❖ ACCA	9
53	❖ Alhambra	5
54	❖ Alee	10
55	❖ Amran	9
56	❖ Beni Kedem	6
57	❖ El Hasa	6
58	❖ Hejaz	9
59	❖ Jamil	8
60	❖ Jericho	9
61	❖ Kazim	8
62	❖ Kerbela	12
63	❖ Khedive	5
64	❖ Kosair	10
65	❖ Nemesis	14
66	❖ Oasis	18
67	❖ Oleika	12
68	❖ Omar	17
69	❖ Rizpah	5
70	❖ Sudan	7
71	❖ Yaarab	1

72 He reported we have 205 representatives registered including 7 officers and 11 Past Presidents; thus, a  
73 quorum was present for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of SASA and we are ready to proceed with business.

74 President Calhoun then called on 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Ill Sir Jason Hinkle to present the Finance and  
75 Audit Report.

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

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| 78 | 1. Business Checking Account - | \$48,498.94         |
| 79 | 2. Savings Account -           | \$88,292.69         |
| 80 | 3. <b>Total Accounts -</b>     | <b>\$136,791.63</b> |

81 This figure does not reflect expenses incurred for Fall meeting.

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

85 President Calhoun called on the Ill Sir Ratliff to present the finance report for the past year on the SASA  
86 accounts, which runs from October 1 through September 30. Income since the beginning of our physical  
87 year which began on October 1, 2021, through August 2022, was \$43,804.59, positive to our budget of \$42,164.  
88 Expenses since Oct 1, 2022, \$39,371.21, positive to our budgeted spending of \$51,100, through August 2022.  
89 Status of our savings account since the beginning of our physical year which begins October 1, has a balance of  
90 \$88,292.69, a gain of \$260.53 through August 2022. Status of our checking account since the beginning of our  
91 physical year which begins October 1, 2022, has a balance of \$48,498.94, a gain of \$3,542.56 through August  
92 2022. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the financial report as presented. The  
93 vote was unanimous.

94 Ill Sir Ratliff presented the SASA Secretary/Treasurer budget for 2022 -2023. This is the primary  
95 account for SASA excluding the individual Spring and Fall meeting budgets. Income projected in the  
96 budget is \$32,000.00 with expenses of \$49,400, thus a loss of \$17,400. A motion was made and  
97 properly seconded to approve the SASA Budget as presented. The vote was unanimous.

98 Ill Sir Ratliff then announced the temples who would be placing names for consideration for 5<sup>th</sup> Vice  
99 President to the Nominating Committee and they are as follows.

100 2023 Khedive

101 2024 Kerbela

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

107 President Calhoun then called on the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ill Sir Jim Wilson to present his budget for both  
108 the Spring and Fall meeting for 2022-2023 Ill Sir Wilson offered a budget for the Spring meeting that  
109 represented a balanced budget and for the Annual meeting in the fall at Myrtle Beach, he presented a  
110 budget that was also cash neutral. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve both budget  
111 reports and the vote was unanimous.

112 President Calhoun then called on the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ill Sir Jim Wilson for the Time and Place  
113 Committee Report.

114	2023	Spring	March 23-26	Raleigh, NC
115		Fall	Sept 20-24	Myrtle Beach, SC
116	2024	Spring	March 21-24	Richmond, VA

117                                      Fall                                      Sept 19-23                                      Myrtle Beach, SC

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

121      Ill Sir Calhoun called on Ill Sir Len Noble to present the Visitation and Meeting report to note the  
122      various temples and events the SASA officers had attended since our last meeting. Ill Sir Noble  
123      reported the SASA officers had attended the Imperial Session in Minneapolis, the South Eastern Shrine  
124      Assoc, the Kentucky Shrine Assoc and the following temples, Bahia, Tripoli, Nemesis, Beni Kedem,  
125      Oleika, El Hasa, Jericho, Antioch, ACCA, Kena, Khedive, Kazim, Yaarab, Omar, Sudan, Amran and Alee.

126      President Calhoun then called on the 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Ill Sir Freddie Humphries to present the  
127      Credential Committee report. Ill Sir Humphries reported we had 7 SASA officers present; 5 Imperial  
128      officers, 11 Past Presidents and 124 representatives. We had 1,358 nobles and family members  
129      registered at the time of the business meeting. The ladies' luncheon and ladies Refresh, Unwind and  
130      Design, was sold out, as was the Luau. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the  
131      Credential Committee report as presented, and the vote was unanimous.

132      Ill Sir Ratliff a report on the SASA Shrine Center's Membership. We had 4 Shrine Centers with a gain in  
133      membership and 16 with a decline in membership. The twenty SASA Shrine Centers began the year  
134      with 33,593 individual members and our year-to-date membership was 33,189, a decline of 2.52%.

135      Ill Sir Tim Daniels, Potentate of Oasis read a Resolution from Oasis Shriners to place the name of Ill Sir  
136      William H Carter as their recommendation for 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President of SASA. Ill Sir Daniels made the  
137      motion, and it was properly seconded to approve the Nominating Committee report as presented to  
138      place the name of Ill Sir William H Carter as the 5<sup>th</sup> VP of SASA.

139      President Calhoun presented the Nominating Committee report, which was as follows.

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

141      5<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Ill Sir William H Carter, PP (Oasis)

142      4<sup>th</sup> Vice President - Ill Sir Freddie Humphries, PP (Alee)

143      3rd Vice President - Ill Sir Len Noble, PP (Olieka)

144      2nd Vice President - Ill Sir Jason Hinkle (Beni Kedem)

145      1st Vice President - Ill Sir Thornton Holt, Jr., PP (Acca)

146      President - Ill Sir Jim Wilson, PP (Amran)

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148 Ill Sir Calhoun made a motion for each of these officers to serve SASA 2022-2023 and it was properly  
149 seconded to approve the Nominating Committee report as presented, and the vote was unanimous.  
150 Each officer was asked if he agreed to serve for the years of 2022-2023 and they answered in the  
151 affirmative.

152 President Calhoun then called for any new business. There was none

153 President Calhoun invited the candidates for Imperial Outer Guard, Ill Sir Dale Vrsalovich, Afifi Shriners  
154 and Ill Sir David Hamm, Sharon Shriners, each spoke to the group of nobles as to why each was seeking that  
155 office. Next, we had two individuals wishing to be our Trustee for the Shriners Hospital Board. We listened  
156 to Tim Ludwig, Sudan and Illustrious Sir Leslie (Doc) Stewart, PP, MD (Omar)

157 President Calhoun then asked the Director General, Rusty Watson, for announcements, noting the  
158 dedication and effort put forth by him to make the event possible. His first comments were to praise  
159 his team and that he takes no credit. He then gave us an update on our status at Myrtle Beach. He  
160 reported the city has shortened the parade route due to a lack of available police officers, hoped to go  
161 back to the old line up next year. He asked us to do what we can to eliminate gaps in the parade. If a  
162 temple is not ready to pull out at the appointed time, that temple may not get to parade. If anyone  
163 has any suggestions as to make things better, he asks them to contact him. There will also be a  
164 Parade Marshall's meeting upon adjournment.

165 President Calhoun invited Imperial officers for any comments they wanted to share. Each Imperial  
166 officer spoke with valuable information for us to consider.

167 Ill Sir Jurgens then ask any temple to come forward for any check presentations. The Kosair Charities  
168 had offered a dollar for dollar match up to \$100,000 to be divided equally to the 3 hospitals in the  
169 SASA footprint. We were fortunate to have over the \$100,000 for the match to support our Greenville,  
170 Dayton and Lexington Shriner's Hospital for Children.

171 President Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun then recognized SASA Chaplin, Ill Sir John Stanley to open the meeting  
172 with our benediction.

173 Ill Sir Ralph Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

174 Respectfully submitted

175 Donald L Ratliff

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178 SASA Secretary/Treasurer  
179 September 20, 2022