



South Atlantic Shrine Association

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Minutes of Spring Business Meeting
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Hilton Double Tree, New Bern, NC

President Ill Sir. Steve Norris (Sudan) called the meeting to order at 9:30am. The presentation of Colors was conducted by the Sudan Patrol. President Norris introduced SASA Chaplain Ill. Sir John Stanley (Oasis) who offered the invocation to begin the meeting in the proper form.

19 President Steve Norris welcomed everyone to the 2017 Spring Business session in New
20 Bern. He then introduced the Spring Director General, Noble Tim Ludwig and our Fall
21 Director General Noble Rusty Watson. Next, he recognized the following Past Presidents
22 of the association who were present.

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- 24 • Ill Sir R. Paul Gregg, PP, 2002-03 (Jamil)
- 25 • Ill Sir Albert H. Parker, PP, 2003-04 (Sudan)
- 26 • Ill Sir Marion E. Dawson, PP, 2004-05 (Acca)
- 27 • Ill Sir Ray Fields, PP, 2007-08 (Amran)
- 28 • Ill Sir David L. Monell, PP, 2008-09 (Khedive)
- 29 • Ill Sir Donald L. Ratliff PP 2013-14 (Kazim)

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31 President Norris then recognized our Emeritus Secretary/Treasurer, Calvin Gaddy for his
32 many years of dedicated service and he called him to the podium for a special
33 presentation. On behalf of the SASA officers and of those Past Presidents he served in
34 the past, Noble Gaddy was presented with a new fez with the title of Emeritus
35 Secretary/Treasurer on the front of his Oasis fez as well as a Shriner Statue - Silent
36 Messenger mounted on a wooden stand with his name and time of service noted on the
37 plaque. Then the current officers posed for a picture with Noble Gaddy with his new
38 fez.

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40 President Norris proceeded to introduce the current officers for 2017-2018 as follows;

- 41 • Secretary/Treasurer Ill. Sir Donnie Ratliff, PP (Kazim) Past President of SASA 2013-14
- 42 • 5th Vice President Ill. Sir. Jim Wilson (Amran)
- 43 • 4th Vice President Ill. Noble Ralph A. Calhoun II (Omar)
- 44 • 3rd Vice President Ill. Sir David Juergens, PP (Kosair)
- 45 • 2nd Vice President Ill. Sir Douglas Stalnaker, PP (Nemesis)
- 46 • 1st Vice President Ill. Sir Greg Diffenderfer, PP (Jericho)
- 47 • President SASA 2018 – Ill. Sir Steve Norris, PP (Sudan)

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50 President Steve Norris then introduced special guests in attendance as follows:

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- 52 • MW Speed Hallman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina
53 The Grand Master welcomed all of us to New Bern and the great state of North
54 Carolina and he made comments giving us a history lesson for the area and

55 thanked us for the warm welcome we gave him and thanked SASA for the
56 hospitality.

57 • Ill Sir Teeny Jones, Potentate of Sudan

58 The Potentate welcomed us to his oasis and offered his assistance of anything we
59 needed to just let him know.

60 • Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master - Kenny Craven (Omar) noted he had to leave
61 early for another meeting.

62 • Imperial Oriental Guide – Bill Bailey (Orak)

63 • Imperial Chief Rabban – Jim Cain (Al Menah)

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66 President Steve Norris began the business meeting by calling on Secretary/Treasurer Ill.

67 Sir Donald Ratliff for the roll call. Each Shrine Center was announced and the number

68 beside the temple name indicates the number of representatives reported.

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72 Alhambra 1

73 AMRAN 3

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75 EL HASA 3

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77 JAMIL 4

78 JERICHO 5

79 KAZIM 7

80 KERBELA 2

81 KHEDIVE 3

82 KOSAIR 2

83 NEMESIS 5

84 OASIS 7

85 OLEIKA 5

86 OMAR 8

87 RIZPAH 3

88 SUDAN 15

89 Yaarab 0

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91 It was noted we had 75 Representatives present and 19 temples represented. A quorum
92 for the meeting was established.

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94 Following the roll call President Steve Norris called on Sec/Treas. Donald Ratliff to read
95 the minutes. A motion was made and duly seconded to dispense with the reading of the
96 minutes and the motion was approved.

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98 President Steve Norris called on Ill Sir Donald Ratliff to present the report of the
99 Financial Committee Report. He reported the SASA budget for the Sec/Tres was
100 underspent by \$11,015.89. The Checking account lost \$9,854.18 and the Money Market
101 account gained \$14.69 in interest. The loss of \$14,303.56 was the result of not having
102 the Fall meeting due to the hurricane and mandatory evacuation. Most of those which
103 we had contracts signed refunded our money, but there were expenses that were not
104 recoverable.

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106 While at the podium, Ill Sir Ratliff explained that the officers had reworked the temple
107 line up for 5th Vice President by moving Jericho to Region 3 with the Virginia temples
108 and by assigning Alhambra to region 4 and Yaarab to region 2. With those changes, all
109 the regions are now balanced, and each has 4 temples represented. He announced that
110 in 2018-19 we would accept a 5th Vice President resolution from Acca. 2019-20 would
111 be Beni Kedem; in 2020-21 it would be Oleika and 2021-22 it would be Alee's turn.

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113 President Steve Norris called on Ill Sir Ratliff to report on Membership Committee report
114 and not having the information needed a motion was made and properly second to
115 dispense with the report. All voted in the affirmative.

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117 President Norris then called on Ill Sir Jim Wilson 5th Vice President and chairman of the
118 Credential Committee report and he reported we had 121 Nobles registered with 75
119 representatives. We had sold 85 tickets to the Ladies Luncheon and 139 tickets sold to
120 the President's Banquet. We have representation from 19 of our 20-member temples.
121 Motion was made and properly seconded and all voted in the affirmative to accept the
122 report.

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124 President Norris then called on Ill. Sir Gregory C. Diffenderfer, 1st VP and chairman of
125 the Time & Place Committee, to give his report as to locations of future meetings as
126 follows:

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129	2018	Spring	March 22-24	New Bern, NC
130		Fall	Sept. 19-22	Myrtle Beach, SC
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132	2019	Spring	March 28-30	Kingsport, TN
133		Fall	Sept. 18-21	Myrtle Beach, SC
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135	2020	Spring	March 27-29	Parkersburg, WVA
136		Fall	Sept. 17-20	Myrtle Beach, SC
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138	2021	Spring	March 25-27	Claremont, KY
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140 A motion was made, duly seconded and carried to approve the Time & Place report. All
 141 voted in the affirmative.

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 144 President Ill Sir Steve Norris reported as chairman of the Nominating Committee that
 145 2018-19 would be Acca's turn to offer a resolution to be considered as our new 5th Vice
 146 President, but this is for information only. It was announced that we do have a
 147 resolution from Acca nominating Ill. Sir Thornton Holt, Past Potentate 2017 as their
 148 choice for 5th Vice President and he would be voted on and installed at the Fall Meeting
 149 in Myrtle Beach. He then ask Ill Sir Holt to stand up and be recognized.

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 151 President Ill. Sir Steve Norris explained that all the temples received a copy of the
 152 proposed changes to our Bylaws with the proper notice. Over the past year the officers
 153 have worked to amend the Bylaws and bring them up-to-date and make them more
 154 practical. Having said that, President Norris asked for a motion to approve the changes
 155 to the Bylaws, and after a motion and a second, the amendments to the Bylaws were
 156 put to a vote and all voted in the affirmative.

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 158 President Norris then welcomed our guest running for Shriners Hospital Board of
 159 Trustees Candidate, Ill Sir Mack Griffin, who spoke as to why he wanted our vote at the
 160 upcoming Imperial session.

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 162 Next President Norris introduced Ill Sir Mark Hartz, who is running Imperial Outer Guard
 163 of Shriners International. Ill Sir Mark talked about his background and why he wanted
 164 to be the next Outer Guard and asked for our vote at the upcoming Imperial session.

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President Norris called on the Spring Director General, Tim Ludwig to make announcements as to the remainder of our time together. He proclaimed he still had some Banquet tickets left and if anyone needs tickets please find him. He also announced the hospitality room would reopen in the afternoon hours for fellowship and refreshments.

President Norris called on the Fall Director General, Rusty Watson to update us on Myrtle Beach. He reported we will have a formal President’s Banquet. The parade will be a 9am start on Saturday at the Fall Meeting. He stressed the importance of not having gaps in the parade. He talked about the golf outing and he had forms with him if anyone needs one now.

President Norris proceeded with the drawing for parade position explaining by the directions in the Bylaws the President’s temple will lead the parade and at the Fall meeting in Columbia. The members voted that since Jamil’s opportunity to lead the parade last year was not possible with the hurricane coming in and since we canceled the Fall SASA meeting, the nobles voted on and passed the motion that Jamil would get the number two spot in this year’s parade. The Fall Director General, Rusty Watson, proceeded with the drawing for position in the 2018 parade in Myrtle Beach. The result on the drawing is reported below.

2018 SASA Parade Line-up	
SUDAN	1
JAMIL	2
OLEIKA	3
ALEE	4
KERBELA	5
JERICHO	6
KHEDIVE	7
BENI KEDEM	8
ACCA	9
Alhambra	10
HEJAZ	11
NEMESIS	12

EL HASA	13
KAZIM	14
RIZPAH	15
OASIS	16
KOSAIR	17
AMRAN	18
OMAR	19
Yaarab	20

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189 President Ill Sir Steve Norris then asked for the counter parts meeting to convene as
 190 soon as we adjourn. He then called on Ill Sir Ratliff for final announcements, he
 191 explained that the officers have inquired and are trying to add an event policy to our
 192 insurance portfolio to prevent a loss similar to what happen at our Fall meeting. He also
 193 asked that each temple provide him with 4 Potentate’s pins to prepare a special plaque
 194 for guests at the fall meeting. If you have them available you could provide them at the
 195 meeting and if not, he will email each temple to mail them to him. He also announced
 196 the minutes, that would include the meeting dates, parade line up and pictures will be
 197 placed on the website in the next couple weeks.

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199 President Norris reminded everyone to make sure you have forwarded the contact
 200 information for the Potentates and Recorders to the Sec/Tres. He has only received 12
 201 of the 20 temples to provide that information to-date.

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203 He then received a request from the floor that we consider donating to Al Rai'e Saleh
 204 Shriners #192, Puerto Rico to help them with damages to their temple. A motion was
 205 made for SASA to donate \$1,000 to their temple in Puerto Rico and an after a motion
 206 with a proper second to the motion was made, all voted in the affirmative.

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208 President Norris then introduced Imperial Chief Rabban – Jim Cain (Al Menah) for
 209 closing remarks. Imperial Sir Cain thanked SASA for making the donation to the temple
 210 in Puerto Rico explaining several of the locations around the country were still without
 211 electricity and he was sure this gesture would go far. He thanked Noble Chris Hall for an
 212 exceptional job with the presentation on Membership session the day before. He
 213 challenged us to make good decisions on membership and our hospital. He
 214 congratulated SASA on the meetings this weekend. He also challenged each temple to

215 form a DeMolay chapter for each temple if they did not have one. He mentioned the
216 time and dedication of the candidates who spoke to us earlier, he asks we get to know
217 them and support them in their efforts. He reminded us that he had a great time
218 planned in Nashville for 2019 and asked that we come be with him. He also asked for
219 support of the East-West Shrine Game. He praised the officers of SASA and asked that
220 each person in the leadership at each temple support the officers. He thanked each
221 person to look to the future and help the leadership be the best we could be. He asks
222 for a commitment to our Shrine and steer away from casual Masons and casual Shriners.

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224 Benediction was offered by Ill Sir John Stanley to conclude the meeting

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226 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.

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229 Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald L. Ratliff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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231 Ill Sir Donald L Ratliff

232 March 24, 2018

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