



STANA Ledger

August 1, 2009

Volume 12, Issue 1

Special Dates to Remember

- Spring Seminar, March 27-29, 2010, in Tampa, FL
- November, 2009—Work with your Board of Directors in planning and budgeting for the Spring Seminar.

Inside this issue:

Jack Jones—Imperial Potentate	2
William Harward—2nd Vice President	2
Melvin Harrison—3rd Vice President	3
Ralph Calhoun II—Secretary-Treasurer	3
Bob Phillips—Director of Temple Accounting	4

Julian S. White, Jr. - President

I believe this past Imperial Session will go down in history as one of the most important sessions we have had in many years.

On the Iowa side we passed a resolution to change the ritual of our Order and talked about increasing the per capita tax in 2010, These

items could effect the size and finances of your temple. We also truly became Shriners International by voting in two new temples, one in the Philippines, the other in Puerto Rico.

On the Colorado side we voted to keep the hospitals open but gave authority to change the way we deliver health care if necessary. We voted to accept third party pay which brings up a question. How many of our patients have insurance? Maybe 30%? If so, a logical extension of third party pay would be Medicare and Medicaid for the 70% which is a whole new set of challenges. What if the Nation passes a Universal Health Care System? How will that effect us?

So you can see we face many challenges that will effect the way we do business. The bottom line is we will continue to help kids.

I think the Annual meeting went very well. All of the presenters had something timely to say and it was very informative. I hope all of you that were able to attend got as much out of it as I did.

On another note, your officers are working on the Mid Winter Seminar scheduled for March 27-29 in Tampa, Florida. We will be staying at the Quo-



rum Hotel which is very near where we stayed last year. It is near a shopping mall and restaurants and will be less expensive. The details of the topics for discussion are being discussed and will be finalized in October. We are looking into having a banquet at Busch Gardens which should be

different and enjoyable.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Phillips for all he has done over the years for the Shrine Treasurers Association. He is still helping with our Mid Winter Seminar. I am sure he is looking forward to retirement but I hope he will continue to stay active.

Don't forget-- when you are talking with your Chief Rabbans about the Budget for next year to Include money for our Mid Winter. Your Association is only as strong as it members. If you have suggestions for topics or anything to do with the association, please E-Mail me at jwhite241@gmail.com or write or call any of the officers. We are always looking for ideas.

I would encourage everyone to visit the STANA website. Assistant Secretary Paul Churchwell has done a great job of setting this up and maintaining it. If you find any errors or omissions that need to be addressed, let Paul know so that the information can be kept current. The address is www.shrinetreasurers.org

SEE YOU IN TAMPA!!!!



Jack H. Jones—Imperial Potentate

Dear Shrine Treasurer’s Association:

Associations help ensure the future strength and success of our great fraternity and philanthropy. I truly admire dedicated nobles like you who help cultivate powerful leaders for our organization.

As Imperial Potentate, I will be sharing my theme, “Unity Wins,” with as many people as possible during the next year. Shriners International, which began in 1872, was established upon a common desire to share fun and fellowship with our Masonic brothers. I would like to encourage our members to recognize and embrace the commonalities that still exist today. By emphasizing unity, we can work together in the most effective and successful way to achieve the best possible outcomes for our fraternity and our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Please keep “Unity Wins,” in mind while making plans for the future of your treasurer’s association and temples. I am confident that this theme will help us achieve our goals.

I wish you an enjoyable and productive meeting. Thank you for all you do for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Sincerely,

Jack H. Jones
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International

“I would like to encourage our members to recognize and embrace the commonalities that still exist today”

William M. Harward — 2nd Vice President

San Antonio really warmed us up, didn’t it? It is difficult to adjust to 104-106 degree weather. Everywhere we went we were made welcomed. I hope everyone enjoyed the visit as much as we did. We ate in some good restaurants and hope we can return in the future. What a scene when one of our Shrine bands filled one of the Riverwalk boats with musicians and cruising the river while playing enthusiastically.

The return to San Antonio did bring back memories for me as I had my basic training at Lackland AFB. Nothing was as I remembered except the Alamo.

The way our hospitals operate



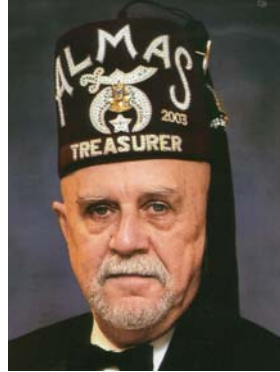
must change. This was obvious to me as we listened to the various positions from the podium as different call items came up for vote. As our government moves forward with what appears to be a major overhaul of our health care, we must move forward with trained, professional administrators to manage our hospitals in these fast moving times. I really don’t see our representatives supporting my position.

It is good to see Ralph step up and keep the communications going with the continued support of Paul. A big thanks to both of you for the smooth transition that is taking place with STANA.

Melvin Harrison—3rd Vice President

Noble Treasurers,

It was good to see all of you at the Imperial Convention and our meeting on Sunday Morning. A lot happened at the convention if you weren't able to attend. Congratulations to Noble Bob Phillips on being awarded the Lifetime Honorary Membership to STANA. Bob has done a lot for STANA over the years and we are going to miss him as Director of Temple Accounting at Headquarters. On the call was a proposal to have the Treasurers to sign all checks coming from the Shrine Centers. That proposal failed but it is now required that we Treasurers be signators on all accounts. Please be sure that this happens at your Shrine Center if it is not already in place.



Congratulations to Imperial Sir Jack Jones on being elected to Imperial Potentate and also to Past Imperial Potentate Doug Maxwell on being elected as Chairman of the Hospital Board of Shriners Hospital for Children.

Its now time to be looking at your budgets to see that everything is running along the lines and that nothing has spent over budget without the approval of your membership and also Shriners Headquarters being notified of the changes to the budget.

If you aren't receiving your newsletter from STANA please send an email to our Secretary/Treasurer Ralph Calhoun. We checked all in attendance at our meeting and made some changes to those whose were wrong. If you know of a Shrine Temple whose Treasurer is not a member of STANA please try to convince them of the benefits that they can derive from becoming a member. It's not too early to be thinking about our min-winter meeting in Tampa in March of 2010. We will be staying at a different hotel next year and the cost will be less for the rooms. If your temple budget doesn't have an amount set aside for you to attend you might want to talk to the Chief Rabban about making such a budget item.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Tampa in March 2010.

“If you aren't receiving your newsletter from STANA please send an email to our Secretary/Treasurer Ralph Calhoun.”

Ralph A. Calhoun II—Secretary-Treasurer

Well, what an exciting time we had in San Antonio at our Imperial Session. The Drum Corp intro to the Imperial Session was “Feztastic.” Those of you who missed it, you missed a great time, especially, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. What an evening to remember. Don't forget the wonderful installation of our new Imperial Potentate Jack Jones. Also, the memorial of our Honorary Imperial Potentate Terry McGuire, it was a great tribute to what he has accomplished for the State of Texas educational system and our great Philanthropy.

The Executive meeting of the Shrine Treasurers Association Officers was informative and fruitful. Your Officers with Bob Phillips and Matt Noell, from Imperial Headquarters, have planned and put together a package for the membership at our next meeting in March 2010. The Mid-Winter meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, Tampa, Florida March 27th – 30th. Your Association officers worked hard in ensuring that the costs were kept down by providing you a place with a reduced rate over last years prices. We are hoping that everyone will attend. We are thinking about planning a side trip to Busch Gardens (dinner & entertainment). We encourage everyone to provide input as to what you would like at your Association meetings.

At our Annual meeting we received good and wholesome instructions from many of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)





A Publication of the Shrine Treasurers Association

Ralph Calhoun II
Secretary-Treasurer
176 Patriots Point
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
Phone: 843-746-8528
Fax: 843-971-0673
E-mail: rac1968@comcast.net

NEXT MEETING:
March 27-29, 2010, in
Tampa

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.SHRIKETREASURERS.ORG



..... (CONTINUED FROM RALPH CALHOUN on page 3)
the presenters Bob Phillips, Mike Andrews, Ted Corsones, Imp. Sir Gene Bracewell. We also heard from others running for the Office of Imperial Outer Guard. The Association also voted to make Bob Phillips a Lifetime Honorary member of STANA.

Our membership continues to decline over the recent years. As your new Secretary/Treasurer I urge each of you and your Temples to make a conscious decision to continue your membership in your Shrine Treasurers Association (**STANA**). This Association is one of the best that you can receive "**the biggest bang**" for your bucks. The meetings are well planned and organized. We have great presenters from the Imperial Headquarters to keep us informed with latest information in regards to our Temple finances and the newest IRS tax information. Plus, fun and fellowship is provided, therefore, it is not just another dull meeting. We even provide a banquet (with entertainment) and outings for your wives to keep them entertained while we are receiving some of the greatest information, plus some of the best hospitality you will ever receive. A forum is provided for you to tell the Officers as to what you would like to have at the association meetings. Our officers are all always looking for ways to cut cost and provide the best possible Association meeting for you the Treasurers. You cannot get this from other Associations.

A reminder to all of us, just as it was said in our Blue Lodges, "**You only get out of it what you put into it.**" Let us put something into it. You may be surprised you might learn something and you might even have some fun. So come on and let's be part of one the best Associations. Help your Association get that 100% participation. We cannot do without you.

Bob Phillips—Director of Temple Accounting

I wish to thank the STANA officers for allowing me the opportunity to meet with you on July 5th in San Antonio and provide me the opportunity to say farewell. It makes our job easier to discuss latest financial reporting, tax returns preparation and fund-raising updates in person. In October the annual revisions to the B.A.T.S. financial manual will be available on line at www.shrinershq.org and select Shrine, Temple Resources, Temple Financial Manual and select OCT09 change folder. As mentioned in San Antonio, to receive B.A.T.S. manual revisions by mail, you must submit a request to my office. The 2009-2010 General Order No. 1 for B.A.T.S. manual, Section 7 will be mailed to your home address in September.



Bylaw changes adopted in San Antonio: Imperial bylaw Section 327.4 (a)(3) was amended that replaced "unless provided otherwise in the temple bylaws" with "in accordance with resolutions adopted by the board of directors". Also approved was an amendment to Imperial bylaws Section 334.5 (b) "require the board of directors to adopt a resolution designating alternative signatures in case of the inability, for a reason set forth in this section, of one of the signatories to perform his duties".

U.S. tax Form 990 changes: The 2008 tax Form 990 has been redesigned. In prior years 9 pages plus Schedule B were the required information to be disclosed on tax Form 990. Effective 2008, 11 pages plus Schedules B, D, G and O may be required. Be advised that your engagement letter should include an awareness of the significant changes in the 990 filing requirement. The temple may qualify to file Form 990EZ for 2008. Updates to tax policy and reporting requirements Section 3 of the B.A.T.S. financial manual are available on line in the 2008 December change folder.

REMINDER: Should the original 2009 Operating Fund Budget require revision, you will need to forward a copy of the "Operating Fund Budget and Comparison Report" that includes the approved revised 2009 budget and final 2008 actual totals to my office. See B.A.T.S. financial manual, Section 1, Page 1 for a blank form.

In closing, Matt Noell will be your Director of Temple Accounting, effective October 5, 2009. Introduce yourself by calling Matt at 813,281-7169. He has been shadowing me since October 6, 2008 and is well qualified to fulfill his assigned duties. I will truly miss talking with you, but will rely on the memories of our past to keep me smiling. Es Selamu Aleikum.