

## **67th GLSA Business Session Minutes**

**September 8, 2016**

The Great Lakes Shrine Association Business Meeting was held at the Sheraton Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by the emcee Illustrious Sir Jeff Zaring, Past Potentate of Murat Shrine and Past Grand Master of Indiana. The invocation was given by Illustrious Sir Charles Murphy, Potentate of Zenobia and Past Grand Master of Ohio. All present joined in the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance

The following were introduced Dave Fahrner, Mocha, Past President; Doug Sorrell, Antioch, Past President; Ike Isaacson, Zenobia, Past President; Steve Kibler, Ainad, Past President; Roger Lape, Zorah, Past President; Chuck Pierce, Tebala, Past President; Larry Chapel, Mizpah, Secretary/Treasurer; Kenny Cooper, Hadi, 4th Vice President; William Amspauagh, Aladdin, 3rd Vice President; Tom Russell, Saladin, 2nd Vice President; Mike Donaker, Ansar, 1st Vice President; Phil Thrasher, Murat, President; William "Bill" Bailey, Orak, Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master; and Jim Cain, Al Menah, Imperial Assistant Rabban.

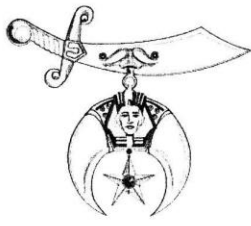
Illustrious Sir Carl Culmann introduced the Murat officers welcomed everyone to Indianapolis.

State Auditor, Suzanne Crouch welcomed everyone to Indianapolis and Indiana. She read Governor Mike Pence's welcome and added her own comments about Shriners International and Shriner's Hospitals for Children. She thanked those present for what they do for children. Letters were read from Mayor Joe Hogsett of Indianapolis and Mayor Hook from Zionsville.

We received two \$100.00 donations for SHC from Imperial Sir Bill Bailey and Illustrious Sir Chuck Pierce. Illustrious Sir Jeff Zaring gave an overview of the 2016 session.

Illustrious Sir Tom Russell read the names of those brothers who have passed since we last met: Josph Barschak, Ainad, Potentate 1986; Charles Hulls, Aladdin, Potentate, 1986; Rodney Carl Jordan, Elf Khurafeh, Potentate, 1997; Chester Simon, Mizpah, Potentate 2002; Arthur Paul Shillington, Mocha, Potentate 1999; Jimmie Griner, Mohammed, Potentate 1988; Robert Avery, Mohammed, Potentate 1993; Dale Morgan, Orak, Potentate 2016; Jon Beach, Orak, High Priest & Prophet 2016; Jacob "Jake" Sergeuk, Tadmor, Potentate 2000; Imperial Sir Wayne Latchut, Ismailia, Imperial Oriental Guide 2015-16; and Imperial Sir Robert B. Bailey, Orak, Imperial Potentate 1995-96. White roses were presented to each Shrine center. Rick Moffat, Murat bagpiper, played Amazing Grace to end the ceremony.

President Phil Thrasher began the business meeting. The 2015 minutes were approved as distributed. Two communications were read - a thank you from Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder for the 2015 session and a thank you from Shriners Hospitals for Children for donations made in 2015.



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President Phil Thrasher gave his President's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Time and Place Committee made the following report.

|                  |   |                       |                          |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| April 8, 2017    | Leadership Seminar                                  | Springfield, IL       | Phil Thrasher, Dir. Gen. |
|                  | Meeting open to all unit, club leadership, & divans |                       |                          |
| Sept 13-16, 2017 | Fall Ceremonial Session                             | Springfield, Illinois | Chuck McEvers, Dir. Gen. |
|                  | Abraham Lincoln Presidential Hotel                  |                       |                          |
| Sept 19-23, 2018 | Fall Ceremonial Session                             | Grand Rapids, MI      |                          |
|                  | Crowne Plaza  |                       |                          |
| Sept 18-22, 2019 | Fall Ceremonial Session                             | Grove City, OH        |                          |

A motion to approve the Time & Place report was made, seconded and approved by a vote of the representatives.

Illustrious Sir Larry Chapel presented the financial report as distributed to all, followed by the audit report from Noble Willie McKinney, Murat Treasurer. Reports were approved as presented. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Illustrious Sir Mike Donaker presented the budget for 2017 which was approved as presented. A copy is attached to the minutes.

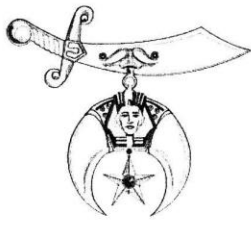
The Melham Award for 2016 was presented to Illustrious Sir Doug Sorrell, Past President, Antioch Shrine.

Candidates for Imperial Outer Guard Gale Bennington, and Larry Leib were introduced and gave some remarks. Candidate for Imperial Trustee Rick Williams also gave his remarks.

Larry Chapel gave a brief report on the 2016 GLSA Salmon Derby. The derby has donated about \$400,000 to SHC. They moved the headquarters hotel to the Clarion in 2016. The Derby will be held on May 19-20, 2017.

The following officers were elected to the following positions:

|               |         |                       |
|---------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Mike Donaker  | Ansar   | President             |
| Tom Russell   | Saladin | First Vice President  |
| Bill Amspaugh | Aladdin | Second Vice President |
| Kenny Cooper  | Hadi    | Third Vice President  |
| Fred Martin   | Medinah | Fourth Vice President |
| Larry Chapel  | Mizpah  | Secretary/Treasurer   |



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### New Business

There was no new business for this session.

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There was no old business for this session.

The afternoon session included the following: Tim Murphy - Riding a dead horse; Phil Thrasher - Temple Responses; Craig Stigleman - Moslem Fund Raisers; Doug Sorrell - Charitable Fund Raisers; Chuck McEvers - Charitable Fund Raisers; Dale Thomas - Hadi Charitable Fund Raiser; Tammy Robbins, Rusty Petty - Shriners Hospitals for Children; Tom Watson - Tebala; John & Pam Bull - Membership; Most Worshipful Carey Carter, Grand Master, Indiana -Freemasonry - our common bond; Imperial Sir Bill Bailey - Imperial events; and Imperial Sir Jim Cain - Greetings from Imperial Sir Chris Smith, agree to disagree, work in harmony, membership, Shrine Awareness, and 2019 Session in Nashville, TN.

The officers for 2017 were installed at the Awards Banquet by Imperial Sir Jim Cain with the assistance of Imperial Sir William Bailey. Officers installed were Mike Donaker, President; Tom Russell, 1st Vice President; Bill Amspaugh, 2nd Vice President; Kenny Cooper, 3rd Vice President; Fred Martin, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President; and Larry Chapel, Secretary/Treasurer. A plaque was presented to Illustrious Phil Thrasher for his service. A gavel was presented to Illustrious Sir Mike Donaker.

The President's Outstanding Shrine Center Awards were presented at the Awards Banquet to Hadi Shriners, Antioch Shriners, and Murat Shriners.

*Larry Chapel*

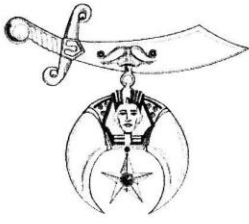
Larry Chapel, Secretary/Treasurer

### Attachments

2016 Audit Report

2017 Budget

2016 President's Report



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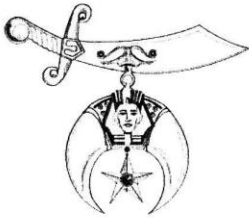
## 2016 Audit Report

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance 1-1-2015 | \$18674.88  |
| Deposits                   | 41418.28    |
| Checks from 1149-1181      | 32210.15    |
| Balance as of 1-1-2016     | \$27,883.01 |

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Based on my review of the Great Lakes Shrine Association finances, I hereby certify the books are recorded properly and are consistent with standard accounting practices and Shrine Law.

Willie McKinney, Treasurer, Murat Shrine



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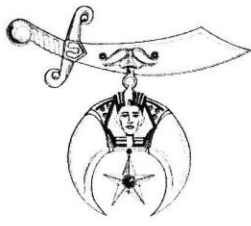
### 2017 GLSA CEREMONIAL BUDGET

#### DISBURSEMENTS

|                                      |             |                    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| President Banquet                    |             |                    |
| Meals                                | 250 x 45.00 | \$11,250.00        |
| Entertainment                        |             | 500.00             |
| Decorations                          |             | 200.00             |
| Ladies Luncheon                      |             |                    |
| Meals                                | 150 x 25.00 | 3750.00            |
| Program                              |             | 500.00             |
| Decorations                          |             | 200.00             |
| Ladies gifts                         | 150 x 10.00 | 1,500.00           |
| Station Dinners                      | 200 x 44.00 | 8,800.00           |
| City of Springfield Parade           |             | 1,500.00           |
| Porta Potties Parade and competition |             | 500.00             |
| Transportation Buses                 |             | 2,000.00           |
| Afterglow                            | 300 x 15.00 | 4,500.00           |
| Imperial- GLSA expenses              |             | 2,000.00           |
| GLSA hospitality                     |             | 1,000.00           |
| Golf outing                          | 16 x 75.00  | 1,200.00           |
| Gifts                                | 16 x 15.00  | 240.00             |
| Awards                               |             | 250.00             |
| Printing and Supplies                |             | 2,000.00           |
| Promotions                           |             | 2,000.00           |
| State Fairground Horse Patrol        |             | 1,500.00           |
| Advertising                          |             | <u>2,250.00</u>    |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>           |             | <b>\$47,640.00</b> |

#### INCOME

|                  |             |                    |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Hotels A Lincoln | 300 x 10.00 | \$3,000.00         |
| Wyndum           | 50 x 10.00  | 500.00             |
| Northfield       | 20 x 10.00  | 200.00             |
| Registration Fee | 500 x 20.00 | 10,000.00          |
| Meals Banquet    | 250 x 50.00 | 12,500.00          |
| Station          | 200 x 45.00 | 9,000.00           |
| Ladies           | 150 x 30.00 | 4,500.00           |
| Afterglow        | 300 x 20.00 | 6,000.00           |
| Golf             | 16 x 90.00  | 1,440.00           |
| Market Place     | 20 x 50.00  | <u>1,000.00</u>    |
| <b>Totals</b>    |             | <b>\$48,140.00</b> |
| Net Gain         |             | \$500.00           |



## President's Report of GLSA Officer Activities for fiscal 2015-16

During the fiscal year just ending, your officers were very busy on GLSA affairs. We started with a board meeting on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2016 at which we established some goals for the year including the following:

1. Promote the maintenance and establishment of GLSA unit associations. Each officers accepted responsibility for contacting and working with various GLSA associations, past, present, and proposed. to some degree this effort was successful; however there is still much work to be done.

2. Promote the leadership academy. Our goal was to have representation from at least 18 member temples, including 100 non-divan Nobles, total of 300 attendees, two Grand Masters, and the Imperial Potentate. Because your president did not finalize the meeting date in a timely manner, attendance was not up to our goal. Mike will do a better job of that in 2017.

3. Promotion of GLSA as one of the better Shrine Associations. In addition to providing education and a fun convention, we wanted to instill some pride in GLSA. Therefore it was eventually agreed that GLSA would purchase a special Masonic Apron in a Shadow Box and that we would arrange to present the gift as a part of the Pageant in Tampa in 2016, with all 21 potentates and the GLSA officers and all of their ladies on stage at the Imperial Pageant. This was done with considerable success. Although the apron was custom designed and purchased through a local vendor, the shadow box was hand crafted by our very own Larry Chapel. Thank you Larry for a fine piece of craftsmanship.

4. Promotion of closer relations between member temples and GLSA. The GLSA officers each agreed to visit at least four or five temples in their area at least once during the fiscal year. To a large degree this was accomplished.

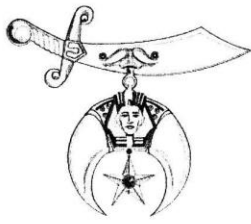
5. Finally, a standing goal was adopted to encourage all 21 GLSA temples to attend every GLSA event and session. Only then will they receive the full benefits of membership in GLSA. Except for the Leadership Academy, this goal was largely accomplished at the Imperial pageant and convention.

On January 6, 2016, we made a presentation on GLSA events to Mizpah Shriners at their regular stated meeting. Jerry Freewalt was a good host and Larry Chapel and Ron Harruff were good companions for the visit.

On January 9, 2016, we made a presentation to Aladdin Shriners at their annual leadership seminar promoting the leadership academy and this convention. The leadership at Aladdin is very enthusiastic and supportive of making progress.

On January 22-23, 2016 we joined the Antioch travelers and Murat travelers at the East West Shrine Game in Tampa. Very impressive and a good time was shown to us by David Heizer and his Antioch travelers and others.

On January 29-30, we visited with Medinah and gave a two-hour presentation on the upcoming GLSA Leadership Academy and this convention. Craig Stimpert was the perfect host and we could tell that the officers and leaders of Medinah were very interested in making Medinah as successful as they could. At the same time, Jeff Zaring made a GLSA presentation at the Murat Shriners Leadership Seminar in Indianapolis.



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On February 19-21, we traveled back to Addison, Illinois to attend the first ever conference of Shrine Association officers held at Medinah. GLSA had four representatives in attendance which was very good as compared to other associations. It was a good meeting, hosted by Imperial Sir Jim Smith, joined by Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske and it appears likely that they will have another one at the same location in 2017.

On March 12, we traveled to Orak in Michigan City and met with Jon Beach and the leaders of the GLSA Motor Corps at their mid-winter meeting and gave a pitch for attending the GLSA leadership academy and this convention. PGM Rick Elman was a good host.

April 1-3 was the weekend of the GLSA Leadership Academy with close to 100 people in attendance. The materials were well presented by the speakers and well received by the audience. The food service was outstanding. Post meeting responses indicated that the Leadership Academy was successful and should be continued.

April 6-10 was the Legion of Honor annual meeting at O'Fallon, Illinois, which was ably attended by Mike Donaker, your 1st Vice President.

At the same time was a meeting of the GLSA Clown Association in Dayton, OH, which was ably attended by Bill Amspaugh, your third Vice President.

On April 16, we were able to attend the Orak Potentate's Ball, little realizing that this was the last time we would see Ill. Sir Dale Morgan.

On April 30-May 1, we attended the Aladdin Potentate's ball representing GLSA. Ron Leonard and his lady Elaine were great hosts.

On May 14-5 we attended the Mizpah Potentate's Ball along with Larry Chapel representing GLSA. Jerry Freewalt and his lady Sherrie were great hosts, too.

On May 19, we attended the GLSA Salmon Derby kick-off dinner representing GLSA and further promoting this convention. Unfortunately, this was also the day of the passing of Dale Morgan, Orak Potentate, who was preparing to go on the derby trip with everyone.

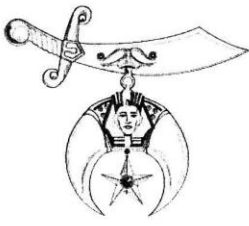
By now, all GLSA officers were starting to meet regularly with representatives of the drum and bugle corps, pipes and drums, horse patrol, Legion of Honor, patrols, Oriental Bands, concert bands, chanters, casts, and directors staffs to see about creating or recreating unit associations for those units within GLSA.

On July 3-6 most of us attended the Imperial Session for the primary purpose of presenting a special Masonic Apron to the new Imperial Potentate, Chris Smith. The Masonic Apron stated in Masonic symbols that Chris Smith was the number one Shrine Mason for his term of office. Some of the photos are in your program. This was also attended by all but one of the GLSA potentates on stage.

On August 13 was a meeting of the GLSA Legion of Honor, ably attended by Kenny Cooper, your 4th Vice President, on behalf of GLSA.

We attended the unfortunate viewings of Sheila Morgan, wife of Dale Morgan then Chief Rabban of Orak Shriners; Margaret Cinotto, wife of past Imperial Potentate John Cinotto; Dale Morgan, himself; Jon BEach; Ginny Schuler, wife of Hadi Potentate Danny Schuler; and most recently Past Imperial Sir Robert Bailey, as you just heard. It was a rough year for all involved in these unfortunate passings.

We had one face-to-face meeting of the executive committee preceding the Leadership Academy on April 1, 2016. We also had our final meeting yesterday. In addition, we had two conference calls during the year to go voer various pending matters. This saved a lot of time and money as compared to trying to meet



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somewhere, and it allowed our discussions to be sooner. Notwithstanding the lack of monthly meetings, the other officers will tell you that we had innumerable emails flying around among us.

That concludes my report on officers activities. I am sure the other officers had visitations and meetings of which I am not completely aware, so you can be assured that we were all very busy this past year. Hopefully we have accomplished the majority of our goals and that Mike with everyone's help may look forward to another year of progress for GLSA.

Phil Thrasher, President 2016