

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA SHRINE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
CORAL SPRINGS FLORIDA
MARRIOTT HOTEL
MAY 7, 8, & 9, 2009

OPENING CEREMONY:

The Annual opening of the Florida Shrine Association was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday May 7, 2009 by President Stan Mykitka, P.P. Mahi Shriners.

President Mykitka then introduced Imperial Recorder Imperial Sir Jack Jones. He referred to him as his next Imperial Potentate.

President Mykitka then introduced the Imperial Captain of the Guard Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske.

President Mykitka further introduced the Deputy Grand Master of the State of Florida Rite Worshipful Dale I. Goehrig P.P..

President Mykitka then introduced the Mahi Temple Potentate III. Sir John Shiley. The Past Presidents of the Florida Shrine Association were then introduced by President Stan. He further introduced all Past Potentates attending.

President Mykitka called on the Mahi Temple Commander of Legion of Honor who presented the colors. The pledge of Allegiance followed. The invocation was then given by Florida Shrine Association Sec/Treasurer Dr. Jerry Jacobs.

President Mykitka then asked Noble Sec/Treasurer Dr. Jerry Jacobs to proceed with the necrology report: Noble Jerry put together an impressive program for those Nobles that we lost to the black camel in 2008/09. A Piper played and a singer sang the Our Father.

Noble Dr. Jacobs reported the following:

We lost 436 Nobles to the black camel.

Imperial Sir Terry Maguire

MAHI 39

ARABA 52 Past Potentate Wallace Tinsley, H.P/P. Leroy Duran

AZAN 39

SAHIB 71 Past Potentates..Paul Jaworski,James Arendall

MOROCCO 140

MARZUQ 12

BAHIA 82 Past Grand Master, Harry B. Eddy.

Recorder Emeritus, C.F. Suller, Past Potentate Robert F. Kidder

Egypt Temple did not Report.

Amara did not report.

Imperial Recorder Jack Jones then addressed the Ladies and thanked them for all the support they give us. He had very kind words for them. Without our Ladies we would not be able to do the things we do for the Shrine.

Imperial Captain of the Guard Gary Bergenske spoke to us about the East/ West Shrine football game that will be in Orlando in January. He explained how important this opportunity will be for all shrine Temples in Florida. He also talked about how Imperial Sir Jack was asked to run for Imperial Potentate for 2009/2010. Imperial Sir Jack will bring stability and good judgment to our Fraternity at a time when it is most needed.

President Mykitka then adjourned the meeting until 3:00 P.M.

BUSINESS SESSION:

President Mykitka opened annual business meeting at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday afternoon. `

His first order of business was to reintroduce Imperial Sir Jack Jones, and Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, Rite Worshipful Dale I. Goehrig.

A financial report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Noble Dr. Jerry Jacobs. He reported that we have a cash balance of \$6,557 and all bills have been paid.

There was a lengthy discussion about the FSA website. Many Nobles were upset because there was no pertinent information about the convention on the website. It was also pointed out that the website was down and various reasons were given by the President and the Director General Noble John Borsa Jr. The nobility complained about the lack of communication from the Host temple about the activities at the convention. FSA Associations simply did not get the correct information so they could come and participate. Past President Leo Corneilson made a motion that \$2,000 be budgeted for an FSA website. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

President Mykitka then discussed the problem with FSA Associations staying at Hotels not approved by the Director General or the Housing Chairman of the Host Temple. He was disappointed that Marzuq did not attend. President Mykitka appointed a committee consisting of the current officers to investigate the possibility of holding the FSA Convention centrally every year. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed. He mentioned Egypt, Bahia as examples. Imperial Sir Gary pointed out that with the East/West football game being in Orlando would it be possible in future years to consider having the convention at the same time. It was also discussed to have the Florida Shrine Association manage and run the entire Convention.

A discussion about Associations that do not stay at the host Hotel must still pay the \$1.00 per room night to FSA. These must be enforced. Moneys must be collected by the Host Temple and turned over to the Sec/Treasurer of FSA.

President Mykitka then proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

For the office of third Vice President. From Egypt Temple the Temple next in the line.

Potentate Illustrious Sir Robert Hewell nominated Past Potentate Ill. Frank Manjove Potentate in 1988.

Hearing no other nominations from the floor a unanimous ballot was cast by the Secretary Treasurer. He accepted.

For the office of Second Vice President.

Chief Rabban of Araba Temple Noble Ed Cotton nominated Illustrious Sir Ted Adams.

Hearing no other nominations a unanimous ballot was cast for Ill. Sir Ted Adams. He accepted

For the Office of First Vice President.

A Noble from Amara Temple nominated Past Potentate and Past President FSA 2004 Mike Snitkin.

Hearing no other nominations from the floor a unanimous ballot was cast for Ill Sir Mike Snitkin... He accepted.

For the office of President.

A Noble from Morocco Temple nominated Ill. Joe Hill.

Hearing no other nominations a unanimous ballot was cast for Ill. Joe Hill for President. He accepted.

For the office of Secretary Treasurer.

Past President Tom Rooney P.P. nominated Illustrious Sir Oscar Cloutier

Illustrious Sir John Shilley nominated Dr. Jerry Jacobs.

An election was held and Rite worshipful Dale I. Goehrig and Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske left the room to count the ballots.

President Mykitka then called on Past Grand Master of Arkansas and Past Potentate of Meridian Temple Ill. Sir Jeff Souder, who is a 2009 candidate for the position of Outer Guard. Jeff spoke briefly to us about why he is a candidate for outer guard. He stressed the importance of the Blue Lodge's involvement in our membership plans. He provided us with his bio.

President Mykitka then called on Illustrious Wayne Lachut Past Potentate of Ismailia Shriners in Buffalo N.Y. who is also a candidate for Imperial Outer Guard. He gave us his background and a short Bio. He stressed his long term involvement with Shrine Hospitals. He felt that his background and experience could be very helpful with the critical decisions that face the Shrine.

President Mykitka then introduced Past Potentate Dr. Jack Rosette, candidate for the Hospital Board of Trustees. He gave us his bio. He stressed that he is a business man, and his qualifications make him an ideal candidate for the Board of Trustees Shrine Hospitals for Children. He felt the present Board has not kept the Nobility informed and possibly have made poor decisions. He asked for our support and our vote. He gave a detailed plan of how he feels the Shrine Hospitals should operate as a business.

President Mykitka announced that he had received an e-mail from Imperial Sir Bernie Lemieux who is also a candidate for the Board of Trustees.

President Mykitka then asked for the results of the vote for Secretary Treasurer of FSA. Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske reported that Sahib Potentate Oscar Cloutier won the election. Ill. Sir Oscar accepted and thanked the Nobility for their support.

Noble Dr. Jerry Jerome turned his votes to Oscar Cloutier so that the vote became unanimous. He also congratulated Oscar and pledged his support.

President Mykitka asked Rite Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Dale I. Goehrig P.P. to address the Nobility. Rite Worshipful talked about his various activities this year. He indicated how this year is progressing and how happy he is with this year's programs. He also talked briefly about some of his plans for 2010.

President Mykitka asked Imperial Captain of the Guard Gary Bergenske for his remarks. Imperial Sir explained the membership pilot seminar that will be given on Saturday morning. This is a test to see if this seminar will be worthwhile. He wanted feedback from us.

He explained to us in detail the importance of the East West football game that will be coming to Orlando in January. He emphasized the impact this game in Florida could have for our membership efforts. He is looking for our support. The Rosin Convention Hotel will be the primary Hotel. The hotel is only 10 miles from the stadium. He is working on a major parade. He needs a representative from each Temple to work on his committee. Game date is January 23rd. More information will be forthcoming

President Mykitka further introduced Imperial Recorder Jack Jones for his remarks.

Imperial Sir Jack stated that in his opinion the meeting today was one of the most productive meetings he has attended. His opinion was that many good constructive ideas were discussed. The Florida Shrine Association needs some work in order to better communicate to its members. He is confident this will be accomplished.

Imperial Sir Jack talked about the problems in our Shrine Hospitals. He said he was pleased with the way the Joint Boards are working on plans that will be submitted at Imperial in July. He emphasized how important it will be for the Representatives to vote from their brain and not their heart, and to support the Boards plans.

He also talked about the decline in membership and the impact it is having on the finances of the Temples. He urged us to work diligently on our membership goals. We must support our Blue Lodges. Our Lodges are a vital link in our recruitment process. He thanked everybody and asked that we attend the pilot membership seminar to be presented on Saturday morning.

The officers of the Florida Shrine association were duly installed by Imperial Sir Jack Jones. The charge was given by Imperial Captain of the Guard Gary Bergenski.

President Joe Hill P.P gave his final remarks. He commented that he felt that this was one of the best FSA meetings we have had in a long time. It was a meeting with very healthy discourse. He thanked the nobility for the support they have given him.

Noble Dr.Jerry Jacobs gave the benediction.

President Joe Hill P.P.then adjourned the meeting.