

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA SHRINE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

HOSTED BY THE OCALA SHRINE CLUB

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OPENING CEREMONY:

The annual meeting of the Florida Shrine association was called to order at 9:a.m. on Thursday May 6th by Director General, Noble Hal Mix. He welcomed all Nobles, Ladies and quests to the opening ceremony.

He then proceeded to introduce Sheriff Howard Dean representing the city of Ocala.

He introduced the Illustrious Potentate of Morroco Temple III. Jim Holdenfield.

Ist Vice President P.P. Mike Snitkin escorted Imperial Sir Doug Maxwell and introduced him as Chairman of the Board of trusties of the Shrine Hospitals for Children.

2nd Vice President P.P. Ted Adams escorted Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske and introduced him as Imperial Marshal.

3rd. Vice President P.P. Frank Mongiovi escorted The Grand Master of Florida Most Worshipful Dale Goehrig to the podium. He welcomed everybody, thanked them for coming to this meeting.

FSA President Joe Hill escorted Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Jack Jones, who properly introduced Him and gave him the gavel. Imperial Sir Jack welcomed everybody, thanked the President, seated the audience, and then turned the gavel over to the President.

President Joe Hill then called on the Commander of the Morroco Legion of Honor for the posting of the colors.

The pledge to our flag then followed, led by the Legion Commander.

The invocation was given by Chief Rabban Tom Millaway from Sahib Temple.

Due to the shortness of time, President Joe Hill called on Imperial Sir Doug Maxwell to update us on the activities and progress of the Shrine Hospitals after the July 2009 Imperial Session.

Imperial Sir Doug gave an excellent presentation giving us all current information about the progress being made in the Hospital systems.

Consolidation is taking place in several Hospitals. The Houston, Texas, Hospital has been reopened and is back in full operation. Other hospitals are working closely with local Universities, sharing not only information but also building space.

Third party pay was discussed at length. We had been told that it would take up to four years before this became reality. Imperial sir Doug stated that the process is well under way and the first payments were already in the system. He also stated that because the Hospital Administrators had no billing Departments or expertise in third party pay, that a professional company dealing with insurance third party pay would be hired to do the billing for our Shrine Hospitals.

President Joe then proceeded to introduce the Deputy Grand Master of Florida Rite Worshipful Richard Martinez. He proceeded to introduce the line officers of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

He spoke about the commitment that the Grand Lodge Officers have made to show their support of membership activities throughout the State of Florida. They pledged to support not only the Blue Lodges but also the Shrine Temples that are all suffering from membership loss. He referred to Shriners as Brothers and the Grand Lodge would work diligently to help. He stated emphatically that the Grand Lodge would help the Shrine in every way possible. Membership flyers and information would be distributed to all Lodges in the State.

This was an excellent presentation. It was most sincere, and showed the deep concern that our Grand Lodge Officers have for the membership loss in the Lodges and the Shrine.

President Joe thanked the speakers and proceeded to close the opening session.

The meeting was then closed.

BUSINESS SESSION:

President Joe Hill opened the annual meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.

His first order of business was to introduce Imperial Sir Jack Jones, Imp. Sir Doug Maxwell, Imp. Marshal Gary Bergenske, and Most Worshipful Dale Goehrig. He also introduced Past Presidents present,

III. Leo Cornelison and III. Mike Snitkin. III Sir Doug Tomlinson was not there, but attend the convention.

He then called on the FSA Sec/Treas P.P. Oscar Cloutier to take the roll call, give financial report, and proceed with the necrology report and ceremony.

The attendance was as follows:

AMARA...7... ARABA...7.... AZAN...5... BAHIA...7.... EGYPT...9...
MAHI...3..MARZUQ...1... MORROCO...9.... SAHIB...7.....

The financials were:

INCOME 2009/2010	7989.91
EXPENSES	3710.03
CASH ON HAND 6/7/09	6083.71
CASH ON HAND 5/6/10	4779
CASH DIFFERENCE	-1305
INSURANCE REBATE	221
NET CASH DIFFERANCE	-1084

Motion made and seconded to approve the financial report.

Sec/Treas explained that with the declining membership that our dues income and room night convention income was half of what it was five years ago and that under the good of the order an increase of Temple dues would be in order if we want FSA to continue as a viable Association.

The 2010/2011 budget was then approved;

Potential income	6,700
Anticipated expense	2525
Cash balance May 2011	4154
Cash on hand 5/8/2010	4779
Cash used	-636

Motion made and seconded to approve budget. So moved.

We then proceeded with the necrology report.

MORROCO...120 EGYPT...115 MAHI....40 BAHIA...76 ARABA....34
AMARA....37 AZAN.....31 SAHIB....70 MARZUQ.....15

TOTAL 538.

A prayer and short poem was given by P.P. Oscar Cloutier and a Noble from Egypt Temple played taps.

President Joe Hill then called on Sheriff Howard Dean. Sheriff Dean welcomed all of us to the Ocala community. He spoke on how many Masonic and Shrine friends that he had made over the years. He stated how he was so impressed by the work that Shriners perform.

The next order of business was the introduction of Candidates for Outer Guard to be elected at the July 2010 Imperial Session in Toronto Canada.

Noble John Borsa Recorder from Mahi spoke on behalf of Candidate P.P. Wayne Latchut who could not attend.

Noble P.P. William Bailey from Orak Temple spoke of his desires to be elected to Outer Guard.

Both Candidates have excellent resumes, outstanding attitudes, and urged the Nobility to vote for them.

Next on the agenda was Imperial Sir Gary's report of the East West Football game that will be held January 23rd. in Orlando. He first called on P.P. Bob Amico from Bahia Temple to give us facts on the Jan. 2010 game. Bob stated that the game was well attended by Shrine Temples from the South East Region. There were representations from all over the country, including a Prince Hall group from California. He stated that for the short preparation time everybody involved did an outstanding job. He thanked the Tampa Hospital Staff for their outstanding commitment to the game.

Imperial Sir Gary reiterated the same feelings to the group. He played a brief DVD of the football game that showed different phases of what went on during the busy week. He also reminded us that the East/West Shrine Game leaves a lasting impression on all the players and Coaches involved. Especially their visit to the Tampa Hospital, where they entertained the children.

Imperial Sir Gary then introduced the Gentelman who will take over as Executive Director of the East/West Game in 2011 and the future. His name is Harold Richardson. He has had an extensive career in College and the NFL as a coach and Administrator. He spoke of the importance of the marketing effort that he hopes to promote for the game. He

stated that if we want the game to continue and be supported by the Networks, 9,000 to 10,000 participants are simply not going to cut it. A continuation of this kind of attendance will doom the East/West Game. He will embark on a Marketing program to get the attendance number to 20,000 plus. He was very confident of the long term success of the game.

Imperial Sir Gary was very excited that we were able to hire a person of his caliber to join the East/West Team and informed us that the office was moved from LA to Tampa Headquarters. Imperial Sir Gary showed his enthusiasm during his entire presentation.

President Joe Hill then called for the election of officers for the coming year.

For President: Ill Sir Mike Snitkin from Amara Shriners nominated by Ill. Potentate Jack Townsend, Amara Shriners.

For 1st V.P.: Ill .sir Ted Adams from Araba Shriners nominated by Ill. Potentate Ed Cotton, Araba Shriners.

For 2nd V.P.: Ill Sir Frank Mogiovi from Egypt Shriners nominated by Ill. Potentate Robert Goodin, Egypt Shriners.

For 3rd V.P.: Chief Rabban Gene Barringer Azan Shriners nominated by Ill. Potentate Denny Shivers, Azan Shriners.

For Sec/Treas: Ill Sir Oscar Cloutier Sahib Shriners nominated by Ill Potentate Don Vos, Sahib Shriners.

Hearing no opposition a unanimous ballot was cast by the outgoing President Joe Hill.

A complete report on the upcoming conventions was given by the respective Officers for their year.

President elect Ill Mike Snitkin gave an extensive report and showed a DVD of the attractions in West Palm Beach. His convention is well organized and on the FSA website for your perusal.

Imperial Potentate Jack Jones installed the Officers and Imp.Sir Gary gave the Charge.

President Joe Hill again thanked everybody at Ocala Shrine Club for hosting a very successful Convention. He gave special thanks to his Director General Hal Mix and his Lady for the work they did.

He then called on the Potentate of Morroco Temple, Ill Sir Jimmy Holdenfield. Ill.Sir Jimmy thanked Ill.Joe and the Ocala Shrine Club for making the 2010 Convention a success. In the past he had been worried about the long term success of FSA. He felt so good that this had to be one of the best convention he has attended. He then called Noble Hal Mix and Ill Joe Hill to the podium and gave them the prestigious Potentate award for 2010. He had only given a very few of these. He thanked them for their commitment.

Under the good of the order, a motion was made by Ill. Mike Snitkin to increase our Temples dues from .10 to .20. Motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

President Joe then Called on Imperial Potentate Jack Jones for closing remarks.

Imperial Sir Jack thanked everybody for attending this convention. He stated that this was one of the best conventions in recent years, and in

his opinion, the future looked bright for FSA. He talked of how he was so pleased to see the commitment of the Grand Lodge to help the Shrine in our membership activities. Imperial Sir said he was also very pleased with the turnaround in the Shine Hospitals, and how smoothly things were going with budget cuts. The cooperation of the Hospital Administrators was excellent. He praised Imperial Sir Gary and his total dedication in directing the East/West Football game Team. His opinion was that the Bill Richardson would push for the game to be successful for the long term.

Imperial Sir Jack emphasized the all important issue of Shrine membership. He has appointed two regional Directors to help coordinate the effort State wide. In the North it is Richard Hazelton from Morroco and in the South it is Ill P.P. Tom Edwards of Egypt Temple. He also emphasized the importance of our website.

President Joe Hill then called Chief Rabban Tom Millaway from Sahib to give the closing benediction.

The meeting was then adjourned.