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Minutes of the 53rd Spring SASA Meeting

March 27th to March 28th, 2026

Oleika Shrine Center

Lexington, Kentucky

President Noble (Oleika) called the Spring meeting to order at 8:30 am and with proper protocol in due form. The Kentucky SASA temples' Legion of Honor posted colors and the Spring Director General, Ill Sir Jerry Riley led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SASA Chaplin, Noble Jeff Queen, opened the meeting with an invocation.

President Noble then introduced the SASA Director General for 2026, Director General, Noble Teddy Adkins (Kazim) and SASA Treasure Noble Rusty Watson (Omar), SASA. The Spring Director General, Ill Sir Jerry Riley (Oleika) and Spring Treasurer, Noble Ken Dougherty (Oleika) President Noble praised their work to make this session a success and for their support to SASA.

President Len Noble (Oleika) introduced Ill Sir Jerry Riley to introduce the SASA Officers:

- ✓ Secretary/Treasurer Ill. Sir Donald Ratliff, PP (Kazim)
- ✓ 5th Vice President, Ill Sir Eddie Hazelett PP (El Hasa)
- ✓ 4th Vice President, Ill. Sir Gerald Smith PP (Alhambra)
- ✓ 3rd Vice President, Ill. Sir Robert Scott Foxwell, PP (Khedive)
- ✓ 2nd Vice President, Ill. Sir Bill Carter, PP (Oasis)
- ✓ 1st Vice President, Ill. Sir Freddie Humphries PP (Alee)
- ✓ President, Ill. Sir Len Noble, PP (Oleika)

23 President Noble introduced Ill. Sir Steve White, Potentate of Olieka Temple, for his remarks. Ill. Sir
24 White welcomed us to Lexington and to Olieka's Oasis. Next he introduced Kentucky State Senator the
25 honorable Brandon Smith for his remarks.

26 President Len Noble (Olieka) introduced the Past Grand Master Wilson Wilder's , for his welcome and for his
27 remarks

President Noble then introduced our Representatives from our hospitals' who each gave a report on
the state of the hospital: Dayton was represented by Kari Tucker, Lexington was representative Cambry
Gossett and Greenville was represented by Ill Sir Buddy Ellis. President then introduced our Imperial
Trustees, noting, Noble Sir Tim Ludwig (Sudan), Illustrious Sir Bill Rasner (Murat), and Chairman of the Board,

28 Illustrious Sir Leslie "Doc" Stewart (Omar). Each presented the information of the Hospital system.

29 At 11:15 am, the meeting was suspended to allow the ladies to depart for a tour of a special Ky Castle
30 and the time gave the representatives lunch.

31 The meeting was called back to order by President Noble for the business session at 1:00 PM

32 Ill Sir Donald Ratliff, SASA Secretary Treasurer introduced the Past Presidents who were present.

33 Ill. Sir Donald Ratliff, (Kazim) 13-14

34 Ill Sir Doug Stalnaker (Nemesis) 19-20

35 Ill Sir Dave Juergens (Koair) 20-21

36 Ill. Sir Ralph Calhoun, (Omar) 21-22

37 Ill Sir Thornton Holt, (Acca) 23-24

38 Ill Sir Jason Hinkle, (Beni Kedem) 24-25

39 President Noble thereupon recognized our Secretary/Treasurer, Ill. Sir Donnie Ratliff (Kazim) for the
40 roll call. Noting we have 6 officers and 7 SASA Past Presidents present. The number beside each
41 Shrine Center represents the number of Representatives present at the meeting.

42 ACCA 4

43 Alhambra 4

44 Alee 4

45 Amran 5

46 Beni Kedem 4

47 El Hasa 13

48 Hejaz 2

49	Jamil	2
50	Jericho	1
51	Kazim	5
52	Kerbela	3
53	Khediye	3
54	Kosair	12
55	Nemesis	5
56	Oasis	14
57	Oleika	17
58	Omar	11
59	Rizpah	3
60	Sudan	5
61	Yaarab	0

62 He reported a quorum was present and to proceed with business.

63 President Noble then called on the SASA Secretary/Treasurer, III. Sir Donnie Ratliff to read the minutes
64 of the previous meeting. A motion was made and properly seconded to dispense with the reading of
65 the minutes and the vote was unanimous.

66 President Noble asked III. Sir Ratliff to present the finance report for the current year on the SASA
67 accounts. The report was positive and he explained \$54,099 was put in the accounts after all bills were
68 paid for the Spring and Fall meeting in 2025.

69 Note below the Proffitt loss years by President for the past 15 years.

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>SASA income</i>	<i>Notes</i>
2010-2011	John Chaney	\$13,159.27	
2011-2012	Joe Scott	\$39,311.18	
2012-2013	Doyle Simmons	\$41,168.43	
2013-2014	Donnie Ratliff	\$56,681.48	
2014-2015	Eddie Everheart	\$28,164.03	
2015-2016	Mike Mathews	\$19,468.48	
2016-2017	Steve Tucker	-\$14,303.56	Hurricane
2017-2018	Steve Norris	-\$3,973.61	Hurricane/flooding

2018-2019	Greg Diffenderfer	-\$14,500.00	Overspent COVID
2019-2020	Douglas K. Stalnaker	-\$14,316.36	
2020-2021	Dave Juegens	\$30,080.61	
2021-2022	Ralph Calhoun	\$18,641.50	
2022-2023	Jim Wilson	\$1,192.05	
2023-2024	Thorton Holt Jr	\$5,000.00	
2024-2025	Jason Hinkle	\$54,099.00	
15-year total income		\$255,773.00	

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71 Ill. Sir Ratliff then he explained that we needed to put \$20,000 deposit into our checking account at
72 Wells Fargo. Next, he explained we need a motion to put the remaining \$30,000 into a new
73 Investment Account at Eastman Credit Union. This is where the bulk of our money is located and
74 where we have an Investment Account. Since we can't deposit money in the existing Investment
75 Account because the interest rate has changed, we need a motion to open a new Investment Account
76 to invest the remaining \$30,000. We also need to include in the motion to add the same signatories
77 that are in the older Investment Account. He offered the names of Donald Ratliff, Doug Stalnaker,
78 Thorton Holt, Len Noble and Thorton Holt to be the signatories for the new Investment Account at
79 ECU. A motion was made and properly seconded to open the second Investment Account at ECU with
80 those names listed in this report to be able to sign checks and to perform other duties that are
81 necessary to conduct the business for SASA. The motion was made and properly seconded by those
82 present and the vote was unanimous.

83 Ill Sir Ratliff then explained that due to health issues that he requested approval to appoint Ill Sir Cole
84 David Past Potentate of Kazim, as Assistant Secretary Treasurer to assist with minutes and other duties
85 of the office. The motion was made and properly seconded by those present and the vote was
86 unanimous.

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88 Ill Sir Ratliff then announced the temples who will be placing names for consideration for 5th Vice
89 President for the next 3 years to the Nominating Committee. The next 3 years' appointments for 5th
90 VP as approved at the 2017 annual meeting are:

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2026	Hejaz	1
2027	Sudan	2
2028	Kazim	3

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94 He noted he has calculated the list through 2054, with each officer having the line up in their officer's
95 books for this meeting. He also noted that if any temple wanted to see when their temple would be
96 eligible, all they have to do is ask.

97 Ill. Sir Donnie Ratliff deferred the membership report as Imperial Sir Tim Forbis, who will talk about
98 membership later on the agenda.

99 President Noble called on Ill Sir Robert Foxwell, 3rd Vice President, to present the audit report. He
100 reported that he had reviewed the Bank Accounts and the spreadsheets reflecting every expense and
101 income was recorded and found no discrepancies. Ill Sir Foxwell made the motion to approve the Audit
102 report as presented. A second was made to the motion to approve the report as presented, and the
103 vote was unanimous.

104 President Noble called on the 5th VP, Ill. Eddie Hazelett, to present the Credential Committee Report. Ill.
105 Sir Carter reported we have 7 officers, 7 SASA Past Presidents and 102 Representatives present.

106 President Noble called on Ill Sir Gerald Smith, 4th VP for the Visitation and Meeting report. Ill Sir Smith
107 reported that the officers attended events at our member temples a total of 147 times.

108 President Noble, II then called on the 1st Vice President, Ill. Sir Freddie Humphries, Chairman of the
109 Time and Place Committee Report. Ill. Sir Holt reported the following.

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112	<u>2026</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>March 26-28</u>	<u>Lexington, KY</u>
113		<u>Fall</u>	<u>Sept 18-21</u>	<u>Myrtle Beach, SC</u>
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115	2027	Spring	April 1-3	Savannah, GA
116		Fall	Sept 16-19	Myrtle Beach, SC
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118		Spring	March 16-19	Charlotte, NC
119		Fall	Sept 14-17	Myrtle Beach, SC

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121 President Noble called on Ill. Sir Bill Carter to speak on the 2028 SASA events. Ill. Sir Carter informed the meeting
122 attendees of plans for 2028 SASA Mid-Winter would be in Charlotte, NC March 16th through the 19th. Carter noted
123 Charlotte was one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. He noted Charlotte was home to NASCAR, the
124 world-famous Charlotte Motor Speedway and the 2nd largest financial center in the US trailing only New York City.
125 Charlotte is also home to the Carolina Panthers NFL team, The Charlotte Hornets NBA team and The Charlotte Football
126 Club of the North American Major League Soccer (MLS) It will be held at the Oasis Shrine Center on its 12-acre campus
127 in the thriving University City section of Charlotte. The SASA Fall 2028 will be held in Myrtle Beach SC September
128 14th thru the 17th. headquartered again at the Doubletree Resort in South Myrtle Beach Ocean front.

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130 Ill. Sir Humphries offered this as his report and made the motion for adoption. A second was made to
131 the motion to approve the Time and Place report as presented, and the vote was unanimous.

132 President Noble is chairman of the Nominating Committee, and he announced the next Shrine Center
133 to place a name in nomination for 5th Vice President. He called on the Recorder of Hejaz, Noble Gene
134 Parker, to come forth and read the resolution. The resolution from Hejaz was signed by the Divan on
135 January 3, 2026, to offered Ill. Sir Chad Knight, as their recommendation for the next 5th VP. This
136 resolution is read at this meeting for information only as Ill. Sir Knight will be voted on at our annual
137 Business meeting in Myrtle Beach in September 2026.

138 Noble Troy Tompson addressed those present with an update and plans for the Imperial Session in July
139 2026 in Philadelphia.

140 President Noble called on our Director General, Noble Teddie Adkins and Spring Director General Ill Sir
141 Jerry Riley to proceed with the drawing for parade positions for the Annual Meeting in September 2026
142 at Myrtle Beach. Each temple was called forward in the order of their name being drawn out of the
143 first basket in order to draw for parade position out of the second basket. As a result, the parade will
144 line up in order by the number shown below. The number beside each Shrine Center is the number
145 each temple drew for the step off position in the parade.

146	ACCA	9
147	Alhambra	6
148	Alee	2
149	Amran	7
150	Beni Kedem	4
151	El Hasa	12
152	Hejaz	14
153	Jamil	16
154	Jericho	3
155	Kazim	8
156	Kerbela	13
157	Khediye	5
158	Kosair	11
159	Nemesis	17
160	Oasis	20
161	Oleika	1
162	Omar	10

163 Rizpah 19
164 Sudan 18
165 Yaarab 15
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167 President Noble invited the candidates for Imperial Outer Guard and those who are seeking to be a
168 Canadite to speak.

169 ✓ Ill Sir Scott Foxwell read a letter on the behalf of speaking on behalf of Ill Sir David Dodson, Jr -
170 Candidate for Imperial Outer Guard

171 ✓ Ill Sir Richard Loomes Candidate for Imperial Outer Guard

172 President Noble called on our Imperial Officers present to address the group.

173 Imperial Sir Tim Forbis, First Ceremonial Master, spoke about membership.

174 Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett addresses the group about upcoming events.

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176 Chairman of the Shriner's Hospital for Children spoke about an important vote in July and ask for
177 support to change our Bylaws.

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180 Ill. Sir John Stanley, SASA Chaplin offered the benediction.

181 **The first section of this meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.**

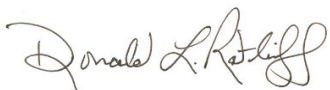
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183 After the parade drawing, Ill. Sir Noble adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m., but asked for our
184 counterparts to meet immediately after adjournment with the appropriate SASA officer.

185 Ill. Sir John Stanley, SASA Chaplin offered the benediction.

186 Respectfully submitted.

187 Donald L Ratliff

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189 SASA Secretary/Treasurer

190 April 6, 2026

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