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From the Commander's Desk...

Greetings Legion Nobles & Ladies,

It is with deep gratitude that I accept the great honor of serving as your International Commander for the International Association Legions of Honor. We have traveled and represented the International Association Legions of Honor very proudly. Brad Slinkard was elected as the 1st Lt. Commander and David Lee as the 2nd Lt Commander. Our sincere thanks for having us at your MASA Legions of Honor Spring Meeting. It was a pleasure attending and gave us a chance to meet and get acquainted with MASA LOH. Thanks again for your warm hospitality.

On May 6, 2016, we attended the Western Shrine Association Legions of Honor Election Meeting from 0700 to 0830 hours. During the meeting, Noble Steve Walker from AL BAHR Shrine was elected as the WSA LOH Commander. Congratulations! we are pleased of your appointment, please be aware that you have our full support. We want to thank WSA LOH Past Commander Don Hettervik for inviting us to WSA LOH Meeting. Thank you for warm hospitality and getting acquainted with WSA LOH members.

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, the IALOH Officers attended the IALOH Shriner Wreath Ceremony at the Canadian National Military Cemetery in Ottawa Canada. The Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt and IALOH Commander Gilbert Medina laid the Wreath with the U.S. and Canadian Legion of Honor Units and Temple Shriners attending the Ceremony. It was a great personal satisfaction and what an honor to be a part of a Canadian National Military Cemetery Ceremony. A lifetime memorable event. Our sincere thanks to Ken Snider, CD, Commander Tunis Shriners, Legion of Honor, Adjutant Ewart Thornhill and Tunis Shriners for their warm hospitality, escorting us and transporting from Airport to hotel. Thank you, for all you do, Shriners International.

On June 9 – 11, 2016, we attended the Texas Shrine Association 2016 Ceremonial in Pasadena, Texas. IALOH Officer, IS Eddie



Gilbert Medina

Daffern & Lady Shari and Lady Nelda and I attended the Texas Association Legions of Honor breakfast. IS Eddie Daffern and I invited everyone to the upcoming IALOH events and encourage them to attend the Arlington Laying of the Wreath, Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington, Virginia and the IALOH Convention.

On June 18, 2016, TALOH & IALOH Legion Nobles were invited to attend the Oil Bowl, a High School Football All

-Star Game in Wichita Falls, Texas. TALOH 1st Lt. Commander Arvid Bergman & Lady Barbara (IALOH Asst Chief of Staff of Gilbert Medina), Int'l Chief of Staff Jim Fox & Lady Maureen, Noble Charles McIntosh, IALOH 3rd Lt Commander, IS Eddie Daffern and Lady Nelda and I attended the Oil Bowl. The IALOH Nobles and Masket Shrine LOH Nobles presented the National Flags and Texas Flag at the Oil Bowl Football Game. It was an Honor to walk down the football field and carrying the Flags.

In closing, please **Save the Date (November 5, 2016)** to attend the Arlington National Cemetery Ceremony in Arlington, Virginia. Also, **Save the Date (April 19 – 23, 2017)** to attend the IALOH Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Yours Respectfully

Gilbert Medina,
IALOH Commander

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The Crystal Ball

Looking at the Future...

El Hasa Military Ball
July 14th—17th

Arlington Wreath Laying
November 03 - 06 2016

Check the IALOH web site for details and registration forms in addition to information and other upcoming events

If you would like your Association meeting listed here, please pass the information to the Adjutant.

1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

The calendar says the year is half over, as I start to write about the first quarter of the **IALOH** Year which is April through June. This quarter started off with the IALOH Convention the first weekend of April which was the Change of Command with Jim Pulley being retired as Past International Commander and Gilbert Medina installed as Commander for the 2016 – 2017 year of the **IALOH**. I was elevated to the rank of 1st Lt. Commander. I want to congratulate all the installed **IALOH** Officers and their ladies. It seems that each **IALOH** Commander reinvents the wheel by changing the Division Numbers to match the Lt. Commander rank. Therefore Division Four last year is now Division One this year.

This year my assigned Legion of Honor Units and their locations are as follows. **Abdallah** Overland Park, Kansas; **Al Azhar** Calgary, Alberta; **Al Kaly** Pueblo, Colorado; **Al Shamal** Edmonton, Alberta; **Algeria** Helena, Montana; **Arab** Topeka, Kansas; **Bagdad** Butte, Montana; **El Jebel** Denver, Colorado; **El Riad** Sioux Falls, South Dakota; **Isis** Salina, Kansas; **Korein** Rawlins, Wyoming; **Midian** Wichita, Kansas; **Mirza** Pittsburg, Kansas; **Sesostis** Roca, Nebraska; **Tangier** Omaha, Nebraska; and **Tehama** Hastings, Nebraska. I have reached out by email to each **Commander** listed in the IALOH Yearbook and to the **Potentate** of each Shrine listed in my Division, asking for the Commander and Adjutant names and email addresses.

I welcome Unit Commanders and Adjutants to send me their Unit Newsletters and invitations to programs and events that are scheduled or will be scheduled in this **IALOH** year. If you have any special events send an invitation to all the **IALOH** Officers. Some may not make it however most will try. Please take time to communicate to me, now, so I can consider attending. I can't make it to all 16 of the Legion of Honor Units each month; however I will try to make it to some this year. Communication continues to be our biggest problem throughout the Shrine and **IALOH**, so let me hear from you, regularly, about happenings in your unit.

Now is the time for all units to plan to send one or two members to the Annual Wreath Laying on the Tomb of the Un-

known at Arlington on the first Saturday in November. Please let me know about your plans for that important event.

As usual, I've been busy with travel and learning what has been happening in the Legions of Honor Units. April was a busy month within the Arab Shrine; my home Temple. First, we had Illustrious Sir Jim Whitehead's Potentates Ball at the Ramada Inn in Topeka. I had the pleasure of sitting at a table of Oriental Guides and their ladies, including Larry and Linda Dain of Arab Shrine, William Amith of Tangier Shrine, Alex and Daisy Parker, Arab LOH. Next was the Arab Legion of Honor Spaghetti Feed with both a luncheon and then an evening dinner. This is always a great fund raiser for several projects in Arab Shrine. I have worked both events every year after becoming a member in 1988.

Over the years I have received several invitations from Rizpah Legion of Honor down in Madisonville, Kentucky. On April 30th, Lady Suzette and I had a very enjoyable evening at the Commander's Banquet along with the other International Officers and their ladies, Al and Laurie Gonzalez, Ray and Pat Combs, Michael Murray, and Rizpah Commander Jeff Gillespie and his lady.

Lady Suzette and I joined with Abdallah Legion of Honor for their 28th Annual Memorial Day Service at the Korean - Vietnam Nam Memorial at Wyandotte Lake, near Kansas City. Commander W. Richard "Bear" Sobek gave a very inspiring address for the day. I was so impressed that I am sending a copy of it with my IALOH Newsletter in hopes that the International Adjutant can find space to include it in July's **NOW HERE THIS**. Our POWs and MIAs are also always in our thoughts on Memorial Day. We were honored to have M.W. Lyn E. Beyer Grand Master of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas and Smokie Siecgrist, PC and others in attendance.

The first weekend of June is the Wreath and Poppy Laying on the Tomb of the Unknown Canadian Soldier. Ken Snider of Tunis Shrine has been the organizer for this event from the beginning. This was my tenth year of attendance. I attended twice before being elected to the **IALOH** Line. Lady Suzette and I had a new Tunis LOH Aide, who was Dwayne Lovegrove and his lady Beverly. Dwayne was in the Cana-

dian Army and served in every country of Western Europe, and Beverly is a member of the Canadian Royal Mounted Police. Our thanks go out to them for their service to Canada and for us this weekend.



Morris Sykes

Talk about time flying, this was the 65th anniversary of my graduation from Dover High School, Kansas and most of the time I feel like am only 65 years old.

Well I must put the computer away and pack my suitcase to fly to the Imperial Session down in Tampa, Florida. Keep Your Artillery Powder Dry!

Yours in the Faith,

Morris W. Sykes

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In Memory Of Departed Noble Leon Hutton

June 24th 2016

Al Amin

2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Two

Well we started this quarter off by attending the IALOH Convention in O'Fallon Ill and had a great time again, as always. I so thank everyone for electing me as the 2nd Lt Commander and look forward to visiting everyone.

Later in the month we attended the Potes Ball at Syrian Shrine Temple and I thank Ills Sir Arthur Weingartner for the invitation. Got to talk to some of the Legion of Honor guys before they posted the colors and renew old acquaintances. I was glad to see them being proactive with their temple.

April 30 Lady Pat and I attended Rizpah's Legion of Honor Banquet and Ball. Such a great at evening and also attending was Mike Murray, Al Gonzalas, Morris Sykes, and. Past Commander Ills Sir Maxwell A great turn out from the International Legions of Honor. Thank you, Commander James Conger for a great evening. The guest speakers had a great agenda with topics on the American Legion, ROTC, and Cadet Maddy Boyd, and Cadet John Bailey talking about making the military their career. Wonderful evening.

May we enjoyed attending the Oleika Shrine Potentates Ball with Ills Sir Johnny Yates Potentate and his officers. Had the opportunity to again meet with the Legion of Honor fellows and passed a few Commander pins out. What a great group of guys. The same weekend was also the Hospital Day for Lexington Shrine hospital. . This was the 90th Anniversary for Lexington Shrine hospital and the last one at this place as the next Hospital Day will be in the new Hospital now being built.

On Sunday May 29th, the Antioch Legion of Honor posted colors for the recognition of the military men and women who have served their country. We have been doing this for over 30 years now and as always is very touching.

I truly missed not attending the Canadian wreath laying this year as Pat and I were both sick and could not travel. We enjoy visiting our friends and brothers up north for their important moment in their own wreath laying. Looking to attend next year, Lord willing.

Well during this quarter we have had numerous Parades for Antioch, Visits to the Board of Governors Meetings at Lexington, Shrine Hospital and attending my Lodge functions and meetings. It was my honor to sit in the east on several occasions to help raise some good men in the Master Mason degree. Brought back a lot of good memories from where I came from and where I am now. Great life for me.

In closing, I wish you all safe travels and hope to see you all soon.

Ray Combs, P.P.

2nd Lt Cmdr, IALOH



Ray Combs

3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Three

Greetings Legion Nobles! Those of you who attended our National Convention in O'Fallon, IL will remember what a great time we had. Commander Jim and Lady Deb Pulley and their group did an outstanding job planning and executing this great convention. Everyone had a great time and thoroughly entertained. Congratulations go to Commander Pulley for also having an outstanding year. Gilbert Medina was elevated to Commander is also doing an outstanding job. All the other officers, of course, moved up one position, and a big welcome to the new 8th LtCmdr John R. Smith.

The Galveston Hospital had their 50th Anniversary April 22nd through the 25th. I attended as a member of the Highlanders, but there were many Legion of Honor members there also. The doctors gave us some very interesting presentations concerning the history of the hospital, along with the innovative research developed at the hospital. They spoke about past and current patients and the care that was currently being performed. The weekend included a new nobles initiation by Imperial Potentate Jerry Gantt, the Arch Degree, dinners, formal banquet and a parade. In all, it was a great weekend. In May, Lady Shari and I attended the Western States Shrine Association Legion of Honor Convention in Las Vegas. It was held May 4th through May 8th.



Eddie Daffern

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3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Three

Commander Don Hettervik requested I perform the In-Line Inspection, which was done during the Association meeting of WSA. An interesting concept to say the least, but it worked out well. The new LOH officers were also installed at this meeting, by the Imperial Sir. Seventh LtCmdr of the IALOH, Steve Walker, was installed at the new Commander of WSA-LOH. Lady Shari and I attended the WSA Hawaiian banquet to conclude the convention and enjoyed everything very much.

We had a week to be tourist, which we took advantage of, before going to Costa Mesa, CA for the Ladies Oriental Shrine Grand Council. Shari is an appointed officer, so she was able to meet and greet some old friends and take care of her duties. From Las Vegas, we travelled to Carson City, Virginia City over into California to see Kings Canyon National Park and Sequoia National Park. On the way, we had lunch with Phil and Sandi Thulander in El Dorado, CA. We also went to Hearst's Castle, which was amazing.

On Memorial Day, our Ben Hur Legion of Honor unit was asked to join the VFW in raising the colors and to be on the rifle squad for the 21-gun salute. The Memorial was well organized, well attended and the Master of Ceremonies was Jeff Clark, VFW membership chairman, Ben Hur LOH member and Ben Hur High Priest & Prophet. Our Commander, John Blair, my Chief of Staff, Jim Hollis, TALOH Commander Michael Dosier and myself were participants from Ben Hur.

June 8th – 11th was Texas Shrine Association in Pasadena, TX. Our new reconstituted group from Arabia participated for the first time, in a long time, and won first place in Drill Competition. Hella won first place in Color Guard Competition, In-Line Inspection and Parade. TALOH Commander Michael Dosier had a very nice restaurant chosen for our Breakfast Meeting before everyone had to get ready for the parade. All in all, it was another great time.

Just so everyone will know. My territory this year is Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. If anyone has an activity coming up and would like for us to attend, please send an invitation. Also, we will be trying to attend one of your meetings, so we hope to see all of you sometime this year.

We are now off to Imperial Council in Tampa, FL., hope to see you there.

Semper Fi,
Eddie Daffern, PP
3rd Lt Commander, IALOH

4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Four

The IALOH Convention in O'Fallon IL was well attended. So much so that an overflow Hotel had to be utilized. There was a Car Show, a Sock Hop, a Market, plenty of good food & drink...and all kinds of friends present to insure that we had a great time.

The Abou Ben Adhem LOH Unit of Springfield MO took Honors in Competition. Congratulations to all who participated, particularly to LOH PC Shane Wolfe for coordinating all the practices and travel to the Convention for Abou Ben Adhem.

Richard Bills, formerly of Ainad, the Host Shrine for the Convention, now of Isis Shrine was at O'Fallon IL. Richard is like alot of my good friends. I see him in many places because he lives in Kansas and is a part of Central States Shrine Association. I refer to him as my "Bodyguard" everywhere we are together..but he is simply a great guy. We met David Wade and his Lady Kathy, busy tending bar for PIC Jim Pulley. Oddly, the next month at the Rizpah Ball in Madisonville KY, we would meet David's parents Gordon and Dottie Wade. David grew up with Imperial Sir Chris Smith. We are looking forward to seeing all of them in November at the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony...small world.

The new 2016-2017 IALOH Cdr. Gilbert Medina was installed and all other Officers moved up the line. Congratulations to all.

We were on our way to a Ball at Amran Shrine in Raleigh NC, but made a stop at Jericho Shrine, Kingsport TN for a couple days, to support the Divan ladies Fundraiser supper. While there, I attended a Stated Meeting and accompanied the newly installed LOH Cdr. Norman Scott, and Paul "Sarge" Street on a "Bar Run" to set up Raffle Sales and drop off posters for their upcoming Fundraiser Bike Run. Thank you gentlemen for a great time as always. Herb Kennedy, Jericho Shrine Recorder invited us to attend the Kingsport Shrine Club meeting later that evening at Shoney's. We met another whole group of great Jericho people.

Then to Amran Shrine, Raleigh NC where we attended the Potentate's Ball...Illustrious Sir Harvey Ellis and Lady Sharrell were most gracious. Two years prior, I promised Harvey that I would be at his Ball...and I was. We all danced the night away to a Carolina Beach band and some good Rock 'n Roll.



Al Gonzalez

4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

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While enjoying the evening, A Noble, John Paul Palzatto came up and chastised me for not recognizing him..turned out he was in civilian clothes where I only know him in his Clown attire as a friend on Facebook. We all had a good laugh. We also were celebrating the 40th anniversary of the granting of the Amran Shrine Charter. I shared with Illustrious Sir Ellis that I happened to own a Commemorative Brass Plaque from the last time the Imperial Session was held in Kansas City, 1976 where they received THAT Charter!

Next..MASA, Wyomissing PA for the Change of Command for PC Barry Weisser in April. Barry's daughters and Kathy Hagan, Lady of Denny Hagan, Adjutant, were instrumental in putting on this "Aussie" themed event. Kathy is also one of my "Bodyguards". The entertainment was unique. They were called the "Happy Boombadears"..they played a specialized instrument that banged, whistled, zipped, and strummed while their leader sang to background music. I tried my best to own one of them but it wasn't meant to be. IALOH Cdr. Gilbert Medina and Lady Nelda enjoyed the evening with us. Thank you Barry for a fun time and congratulations to all the new MASA LOHOfficers.

Off to Madisonville KY for the Rizpah LOH Memorial. Joining Lady Laurie and myself were 1st Lt. Morris Sykes and Lady Suzette, 2nd Lt. Ray Combs and Lady Pat, 5th Lt. Mike Murray, and PIC Bob Maxwell and Lady Marcia of Kosair Shrine, Louisville KY. We had met the Rizpah Shrine LOH Adjutant, Barry Spencer in O'Fallon IL at the IALOH Convention. We told him we were registered to attend their Memorial Service, so they were ready for us. All of the IALOH Officers were seated at the head table...what an honor. Seated with us also was LOH Cdr. James Lewis Conger, his lady Charlene and Rizpah Potentate Keith Black and Lady Vicky. Funny story..Barry's mom, Karla turned out to be from the same part of Indiana as Laurie and myself...we went to rival High Schools..again, small world. This is where we met Gordon & Dottie Wade, parents of David Wade, Bartender extraordinaire of Ainad. Gordon and Dottie are both Veterans and we thank them for their service.

On to Fun Fest in Pigeon Forge TN. While at Rizpah Shrine, we met Keith & Vicky Black...who were going to be in charge of a Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry at Pigeon Forge. We got ourselves invited for a 2nd year in a row. Anybody who lives in the south knows you have to be able to do a good Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry...Keith did not disappoint. While at Fun Fest, we stayed with Jericho Shrine and as always, I paraded with the Jericho LOH. They had a wonderful Hospitality room. It's a great place to meet & greet. Illustrious Sir Pete Rambo and Lady Peanut with all her crew always had something good on the table to munch and crunch. Earlier, Laurie had purchased raffle tickets at the Rizpah Shrimp Boil for a giant ♡ box of Russell Stover candy..She won it and put it on the Jericho table. Who doesn't love chocolate? The Fun Fest Parade is led off by Kerbela Shrine. They are the sponsoring host of this 40 year Fundraiser. I walked the whole length of the Parade to Shake hands with all LOH Units present. I met up with a great friend, Johnny Yates Potentate of Olieka Shrine, Lexington KY. He and alot of other Olieka Nobles and I visited the Kerbela Hospitality room...they were kind enough to bring me back to my Hotel! Lady Laurie and I and Chief of Staff Bill Allen took Bill's wife Barbara to get initiated into the Hillbillies. Kerbela did the honors. We are very proud of her. While there, I met up with Kerbela LOH PC Johnnie Reed and Chris Madison, the Kerbela Doorman at the Convention Center. I've said many times..I Parade with the Legion of Honor and party with the Hillbillies!

In June, I drove to New York with Amran Shrine LOH Cdr. Jim Cone, my Assistant Chief of Staff, where we met up with Chief of Staff Bill Allen in his RV in Bill's birth town. Next day, we went into Ottawa and attended a Meet & Greet with Tunis LOH Cdr. Ken Snider and Lionel Rowe, Tunis Shrine Potentate, Rameses Shrine Potentate Al Berry, and several other Nobles from various Shrines in Canada. In attendance was the Imperial Potentate, Jerry Gantt and 1st Lady Lisa, 1st Lt. Morris Sykes and Lady Suzette, myself and my Staff. We were treated to a dinner at one of the best restuarants I've ever been to...new Mediterranean food experiences. The server brought what he called an "Apple Pie"..he cut it open and there were several types of sausages in it, veal, chicken, etc. but no apples. Sadly, I didn't partake because I am a Vegetarian. It was easy to see that everyone enjoyed themselves and got along well. Later on that evening. IALOH Cdr. Gilbert Medina and his Staff, Bill Chicky arrived after a day of air travel delays.

The next day, we went to the Canadian Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cemetary. This was a new site for this event. I wish I could convey a sense of how many Veterans are in this Cemetary because they fought and gave their lives since WW1. After the Ceremony, Cdr. Ken Snider took us to the Canadian War Museum where it shows that the men of whole areas of Canada never returned home because of the introduction of the Machine Gun. Still with the coming of WW11, Canadians voted to join the battle to help defend the world. Tunis Shrine went over the top. 1st Lady Lisa Gantt, with a tear in her eye, accepted a check for \$10,000 from Tunis Shrine and another for \$1,000 from another Unit within Tunis Shrine, making a total of \$11,000 taking her over the top in her special Fundraising project...1st Lady and Imperial Sir were very pleased. Later that evening, Ken Snider and the IALOH Officers went out to dinner. Thank You Cdr. Ken Snider, you are a most gracious host.

Being Chairman of the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony this year for IALOH Cdr. Gilbert Medina, I hope to see all of you in Arlington November 3rd - 6th.

Your support is most appreciated.

Contact Bill Chicky Housing Chair

Always remember.. "It's an Honor being in the Legion of Honor".

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5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Five

Greetings from Evansville, Indiana and the home of Hadi Shriners.

Membership of our Association continues to be a major concern. It is actually a concern in two specific areas: below 40 membership and overall membership.

Last quarter I attended a Legion of Honor meeting where the youngest member present was 62 years old. Later I shared this information with another member who told me at his last meeting, the youngest member was 69 years old. All organizations need new and young members to carry on the torch in the future.

Concerning overall membership, many LOH units and/or clubs are having more black camels than they are recruiting new members. In short, we are consistently and generally having a net loss in membership across the board.

Each of us now need to reach out to veterans and bring them into the Masons and then the Shrine and directly into the Legion of Honor. This would be an absolute solution to our membership problems. Let's go get them!

Mike "Doc" Murray

Lt. Cmdr., IALOH



Mike Murray

6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Six

Well as I write this, my first year of terror has come to an end. I've enjoyed traveling throughout my assigned division, meeting everyone at association meetings, and trying out some great food at unit meetings. I want to thank everyone that have welcomed my lady and me into your world, and we will continue to expand our ring of friends at every opportunity going forward. That is, if I can get enough super-delegate votes to be elected again for another year of terror!

I also want to thank my unit, Bahia LOH, for their support and understanding this past year. And especially Karl "Short Round" Stimson, my Chief of Staff, as we traveled around town. Without the unit and Karl, my job would be much more difficult.

Since my last article, I was given orders to travel to Egypt LOH for the installation of Noble Tom "Scooter" Bishop to yet another year as Commander. It says a lot about the character of nobles who accept the reigns of command time and time again. It doesn't say much about their sanity, but it does say a lot about their character. Scooter has done some great things for Egypt LOH, and the Legion in general, to include organizing the colors presentation at the East-West Shrine game for the last few years. Because of his dedication, I nominated him for the IALOH Distinguished Service Award this year. He was unable to attend the Annual Convention to receive it in person, so a special trip is planned to present it. I think receiving it in front of his unit will mean a lot to Scooter and congratulate him when you see him.

My orders also included a trip to Helen, Georgia, for the Southeast Shrine Association mid-winter meeting. Commander Jim "Hill Billy" Pulley and Lt Commander Al "Great Gonzo" Gonzales also made the trip and a great time was had by all. If you've never been to Helen, you need to spend some time there. It's a quaint little town modeled in a Bavarian theme, with shops and restaurants that will keep you busy and they're easy to assault. The scenery was fantastic, and SESA Commander John Robert "Pudding" Smith even arranged to have it snow for me while I was there. Something we Florida folk don't get too often. And when you see Pudding, ask him about the "Adventures of Pudding and the little red weeny". The Helen event was so great that an Imperial Turtle appeared and conferred Turtle degree's on several in attendance. Are You A Turtle?

Finally, I established a bridgehead to Azan LOH in Melbourne, FL where I watched our own IALOH Adjutant Kevin "Paper Cut" Fox get indoctrinated as the units newest member. The boys at Azan welcomed us for a great evening of fellowship and as WWII General "Dugout Doug" MacArthur said, "I shall return". And here's a bit of trivia. Do you know how Azan got it's name? It's NASA backwards, which is fitting as the Kennedy Space Center is located within their oasis.

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Tracy Coughlin

6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

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On a more serious note, in my travels I've noticed a decline in participation at association meetings. I know this is most likely tied to the declining membership at the unit level, but there are whole units dropping out of associations. I've heard from a couple nobles and units that one of the reasons is that they're not having any fun. ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! How can Shriners not be having fun? Isn't it in our middle name, in our blood? Association officers, it's time to reflect on what you're doing to make sure the nobility enjoys coming to your events. This problem is even festering at the unit level. How many nobles belong to units that have a meeting where everyone shows up, maybe eat a meal, have a boring meeting, listen to the "OAFficers" pontificate, and then go home? Sometimes I think people are in a bigger hurry to leave than they are to get there. I know my lady and I love getting together with our LOH friends and hate when the night is over. That should be the attitude of all the members!

In the military, there were many activities to boost the morale of the troops. And one of the biggest impacts on a unit is morale. Commanders and officers, what are you doing to keep things fun? How about a fun activity, like a Turtle or Chairborne degree. (If you don't know what a Chairborne degree is, ask me.) How about a unit meeting outside of the Temple? Maybe meet at a restaurant, bowling alley, or maybe a go-kart track? (Yeah, there it is, guys wearing funny looking hats and driving little cars.) And if word gets out that your LOH unit is having fun, recruitment will be so much easier.

Well my lady Janet "What the hell did he do now" and I are just about ready to drive to O'Fallon, IL for the annual convention and hope to see many of you there. Convention is always a great time, especially since we get to kick another commander of the line. If you get a chance to attend an annual convention, I encourage you to join us for a wonderful and fun time. It truly has become something we look forward to each year, along with the Arlington Pilgrimage.

Until next time, AIM HIGH and let the next year of terror begin!!

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Seven

Since I was late getting the April addition to print, I have included all that has happened since the first of the year. After the New Year myself with numerous members from Al Bahr Shrine LOH traveled to Yuma AZ for the Silver Spur Parade which is coordinated with El Zaribah Shrine LOH Feb 13th.

The next night I went to their LOH Stated meeting at the El Zaribah Temple. I had many opportunities to contact the various units in my division about their memberships and dues, and have received good feedback from all.

The first week in March, I with a Past CMDR of Al Bahr traveled to Reno NV to witness the Kerak Shrine Circus and visit with the members from their temple. They have shown interest to me about starting a unit within their temple and this visit afforded me that opportunity. Their Potentate and Divan support their desires for a LOH unit.

April 5th – 9th was our annual convention in O Fallon IL. It was a grand event that our now PC Jim Pulley put together with Lady Deb and many others, but most notable the Nobles from Ainad Temple. Great job to all.

May 4th – 8th we traveled to Las Vegas NV for the Western Shrine Association convention which was also attended by our IALOH CMDR Gilbert Medina his Lady Nelda, 3rd Lt CMDR Eddie Daffern his Lady Shari, 8th Lt CMDR John Robert Smith his Lady Anita and Chief of Staff to CMDR Medina Jim Fox and his Lady Maureen. My Lady Leighanne greatly enjoyed all the time spent with our International family.

We had an LOH meeting on Friday morning followed by the WSA business meeting that included a First Line Inspection and the swearing in of the new WSA LOH officers for 2016-2017 by Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt with Imperial Sir Ed Stolze in attendance. Here we are at the end of June and getting ready for Imperial Sessions in Tampa FL July 2nd -7th. The International officers led by CMDR Medina will be part of the opening Ceremony on July 3rd at 3pm. This will be my second year carrying a flag during the opening and I am again looking forward to it. On another note, all LOH members that may be attending the sessions, IALOH will be having a business meeting opened to the public at 9am also on July 3rd. Be there in your units uniform if possible.

Be safe in your travels.

Steve Walker, 7th Lt CMDR



Steven C. Walker

8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division eight

Greetings Nobles ,

It was an honor to be elected your 8th International Lt. Commander in April. Anita and I are proud to be a part of the Legions of Honor and the International family.

My officers for 8th Division is Phil Thulander, Chief of Staff. Chuck Riffin, Jim Marshall, and Wayne Heimsoth assistant Chiefs of Staff. Robin Mashburn, is Chief Personal Aide. Our new for this year is the Northeastern Shrine Association, which includes New York, Mass, Conn, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Nova Scotia, and part of Canada.

At present, (after the International in O'Fallon), we have been busy. The 4th, through 7th of May we went to Las Vegas, NV. for the Western Shrine Association installation where the 7th territory International Lt. Commander Steve Walker was installed as WSALOH Commander for 2016/17. In May we spent 12 days at the Yaarab Shrine Circus in Marietta, GA.. The Legion of Honor presented colors for 27 performances. Then 9 days later, on to Helen, GA.. for the Yaarab Summer ceremonial. Our next trip is to the Imperial in Tampa, FL. for the Imperial Convention.

The International will be manning a booth for the recruitment of new LOH members to our subordinate Units. From there, to El Hasa in Ashland, KY. from the 15th through the 18th of July for the Military Ball. On Friday the 16th, fun and fellowship and the One Stone Degree. In August 17th-20th we will be attending the Southeastern Shrine Legions of Honor Convention in Warner Robins, GA.

I will be going out as SESALOH Commander. There will be a hospitality room and free hot breakfast each day. Friday we will have a Necrology service, business meeting and election of officers. We will have three temple competing in inline inspection. Hasan, Yaarab, and Al Menah Shrine are also marching in Parade. On Friday night we will have the Change of Command Banquet at Al Sihah Shrine activity bldg in Macon, Ga. On Saturday we will be presenting trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Place winners in inline inspection and Marching units.

If your club or unit has an event or function you would like for us to attend please let me know.

More travel to come.

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JOHN ROBERT SMITH 8th Lt. Commander



John Robert Smith

From the Adjutant/Editor

Nobles,

The push to get the yearbook out is still ongoing. Unfortunately I have had many setbacks since October of last year. Some of you may know that last year during Arlington I was in the hospital for two weeks with cepsis and cellulitis in my right foot which had developed into Charcot Syndrome. This is something that diabetics get when the bones in their feet dissolve. Therefore major reconstruction with metal plates, bridges and screws had to be put in to replace the bones. This is extremely painful and has been a long recovery. I have been dealing with that plus since end of last October. I have been hospitalized 4 different times for diabetic related problems. As I type this newsletter July 5th, I have developed the same Charcot Syndrome in my left foot. I have been put in a not weight bearing cast waiting for my surgery which will take place the 22nd of July, then about 6 to 8 months of recoup time from then. I am sorry if the yearbook is not going out as it did last year the end of July. I am shooting for the end of August. I want to thank all the nobles for their prayers and kind words as I go through this troubling time. Enough about me.

I would like to thank all the nobles who assisted with the booth at Imperial Session, check the back of this newsletter for a picture of International's Booth. I would also like to ask that all unit leaders check with their Adjutants and Finance Officers to make sure the Annual Report have been submitted and the current year's dues have been paid.

There are still over 30 LOH units who still have not sent in any reports or have not paid their dues. Please get these in as soon as possible. The Annual reports for the upcoming year 2017 will be out shortly.

If you would your Unit's event dates in the newsletter please let me know so I can get it posted.

Kindest Regards.
Kevin



Kevin Fox

**Deadline for the
October
Newsletter
Is
30 September 2016**



REGISTRATION & ROOM RESERVATION FORM

Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony

Nov 3 – Nov 6, 2016

Thursday - Sunday

Head Quarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Rosslyn, Key Bridge

1900 North Fort Myer Drive

Arlington, VA 22209

Hotel Check in Time: 3:00PM



The guest room rate is \$99.00 + \$13.12 tax = \$112.12 per night. **A ONE NIGHTS NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED.** The Housing Chairman must receive the completed registration form, **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20, 2016.**

Forms received after AUGUST 20, 2016, are subject to availability.

Priority will be given to guests staying longer than one day. Rooms are assigned by a first come basis. So submit **EARLY.**

A registration check for \$15.00 per person must accompany this form in U.S. currency \$ _____; # of People _____;

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RETURN COMPLETED ROOM FORM TO:

William W. Chicky

1950 County Road 245

Georgetown, TX 78633

Cell Ph: 760-977-0726

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If you are arriving by bus, other than through a tour group, and will need parking permit, inform the Housing Chairman as soon as possible.

Reservations are guaranteed by Credit Card or your Group Coordinator's collective form of guarantee

A Cashiers Check or Money Order is to be made out To: IALOH, William Chicky

******* TO CHARGE INCIDENTALS TO YOUR ROOM & TO HAVE THE PHONE TURNED ON. A CREDIT CARD OR \$50.00 CASH MUST BE GIVEN TO FRONT DESK CLERK UPON ARRIVAL *******

ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS, CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES IN RESERVATIONS

MUST GO THROUGH THE HOUSING CHAIRMAN, WILLIAM CHICKY

THE HOLIDAY INN IS A NON SMOKING HOTEL.

Please Print

Name: _____ Lady: _____ Shrine Center: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of Rooms needed large groups only: _____

Requests for certain rooms or room types are requests only. They are not guaranteed.

Guests will be charged from \$250-\$500 for smoking in non-smoking areas, including rooms.

You may smoke on the balcony if necessary, please close the door so smoke will not come into the room.

Please indicate the type of room preferred by circling your choice below.

(KING BED EXECUTIVE)

(TWO DOUBLE BED TRADITIONAL)

(ONE DOUBLE BED, WHEEL CHAIR ACCESABLE)

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Group Coordinators Name: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Credit Card: _____ Cashiers Check: _____ Money Order: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Please note your expiration date on your credit card. Hotels will not accept card if expiration date is passed.

These are a must to help with Registration and Transportation

Do you require bus transportation to the ceremony? YES: _____ NO: _____

Are you a first time attendee? YES: _____ NO: _____

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Remembrance Luncheon Arlington, Virginia November 5, 2016

Please join us in Arlington for the Remembrance Luncheon immediately following the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The cost will be **\$25.00** per person. We look forward to sharing this very special "Thanksgiving meal" with everyone. We will dine on turkey, dressing, and all the fixings with some delicious desserts. We hope you will be able to join the Nobles and Ladies who attend this very special event.

Deadline for Reservations is October 15, 2016

Please mail your reservation with your check made payable to:

IALOH Arlington Luncheon

to:

David Smith, Luncheon Chairman

1018 SW Walter Ave

Lake City, FL 32024

Please Note: The Hospitality Room **will not** be open during the meal.

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Registration Form

Remembrance Luncheon, Arlington, VA, November 5, 2016

Please Print

Name: _____

Shrine Center: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Number of persons: _____

@ \$25.00 each = _____

Lady/Guest Name: _____

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