



Now Hear This...



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From the Commander's Desk...

Greetings, Legion of Honor Nobles and Ladies,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as your commander for 2015-2016. What an honor you have bestowed upon me. I would like to visit as many associations and units as I can this year. If you would like me to visit you, please send me your dates. If I have those dates open I will make every effort to come and visit. This year we will be laying the wreath at Arlington on the 7th of November at 11:15 A.M. We would like to see everyone there. We would also like you to join us as we honor our Canadian brethren at the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice following the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The information is available on the IALOH web site. The IALOH Convention this year will be 6-10 April, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, Illinois. Lady Deb and I hope everyone can join us. Our theme is "Get your kicks on Route 66". We plan to take a tour of the new St. Louis Shriner's Hospital and Anheuser Busch. Information is available on the IALOH web site. Nobles, I would ask that you concentrate on membership this year. It is a must. As Legion of Honor nobles, we have to recruit new members into our units. I would ask all commanders and leaders of associations and units, as well as each Legion member to please make it a priority to recruit new members.

This year has started off with a lot of great trips to associations and units. My first visit was to the Florida State Association Legions of Honor meeting, 6-9 May in Saratoga, Florida. Thanks to Junior Past Commander Van Dyke and all of his officers and nobles for putting on a great weekend. The hospitality was wonderful. I was privileged to install the incoming officers. Congratulations to Commander Karl Stimson and his officers. Thank you for stepping up to lead the FSALOH over the next year. Then my Chief of Staff, Jim Lare and I traveled to Lexington, Kentucky for the South Atlantic Shrine Association Legions of Honor Spring Meeting, 14-16 May. What a wonderful weekend we enjoyed with our Legion of Honor brethren and ladies. I want to thank Commander Barry McCaslin and his officers for an excellent weekend. The hospitality was great and the USO show was outstanding. It was fun to go back in time remembering the World War II era



Jim Pulley

and listening to the great tunes of that time. The ladies that performed were terrific. After that, my Chief of Staff and I drove back Saturday night in order to be back in St. Louis on Sunday for the dedication of the new Shriner's Hospital for Children, St. Louis. Four of the Legion of Honor units from the area presented the colors and performed a flag raising to begin the ceremony. I want to thank the members of Abou Ben Adham, Ainad, Ansar, and Moolah Shrine Legions of Honor for the great job they did. It was a great day. There were more than 2000 people present from all over the region to take part in the Grand Opening. Then my Chief of Staff and I joined the GLSALOH Commander, Paul

Barker and his Chief of Staff at the Past Commanders Dinner held by the Mohammed Legion of Honor in Eureka, Illinois, on 19 May. Thanks to Past Commander and the Mohammed Legion of Honor for a great evening. Hopefully, the trip to Eureka was my last trip without Lady Deb. On 30 May, Lady Deb retired from the Air Force at Scott AFB after twenty-five years of service. We got everything moved into our home in Missouri and promptly set out for Ottawa. I was joined by Imperial Chief Rabban Chris Smith in Ottawa where we joined with the Canadians to lay a wreath at the War Memorial. It was a beautiful ceremony. The next day, the City of Ottawa declared the day Shriner's Day and we took part in a brief ceremony with the Mayor of Ottawa. What a great honor to join with the nobles of Tunis Shrine Center and brothers from Rameses Shrine Center in Toronto, Karnak Shrine Center in Montreal, and Mocha Shrine Center in London, Ontario. Thanks to the LOH members and the Divan of Tunis for the great hospitality while we were there. This was a really great time. I hope more of us will make the effort to attend in the future. I know we plan to return. From Ottawa, Deb and I toured through Quebec and into Vermont where I had a chance to visit the area where my wife grew up. Then we drove across to Buffalo, New York where we were the guests of Illustrious Sir Jim Van Slyke and Lady Susan. We were privileged to attend his Potentate's Ball along with IALOH Past Commander, Robert Cook and Lady Rickie and Past IALOH Chief of Staff Ralph Bartlett, P.P. and Lady June. It was a great time with good friends.

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The Crystal Ball

Looking at the Future...

- GLSA Annual Meeting**
Fort Wayne, IN
06-08 August 2015
- MASA Fall Meeting**
Virginia Beach, VA
03-05 September 2015
- SASA Fall Meeting**
Myrtle Beach, SC
16-19 September 2015
- Arlington Wreath Laying**
Arlington, VA
05-08 November 2015

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

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

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Thank you for your military service and the sacrifices you made for your country while serving. We look forward to seeing you in

our travels. "Precious moments and precious friends—they are the treasures to hoard and cherish. We find ourselves wealthy in both and are thankful that you are part of that treasure." It's truly an honor to be a

member of the Legion of Honor.
Yours in the faith,
Jim Pulley
Commander

1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

Dear Legion Nobles & Ladies,

As we lighted up the skies with spectacular fireworks across our nation in celebration of the Fourth of July, our country's birthday; since 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. I hope that everyone had a wonderful 4th of July celebration.

On June 3 – 6, 2015, the 81st annual Texas Shrine Association Convention (TSA) was held in Corpus Christi, Texas. The Texas Association Legions of Honor (TALOH) competing units from 13 Shrine Centers around Texas competed. Some of the Units

participated In-Line Competition while others did the drill competition. Congratulations to TALOH Commander Chicky for an outstanding competition. On Saturday morning Commander Chicky had a wonderful TALOH breakfast. Soon thereafter, we participated in the TSA parade along the shoreline Blvd.

On July 5– 9, 2015, we attended the 141st Imperial Session Houston, Texas. On Sunday, July 5 the International Association Legions of Honor (IALOH) Commander Pulley



Gilbert Medina

held a meeting. In

attendance were the IALOH Officers and their ladies, Divan members, PIC, Asst Rabban Bob Cook & his Lady and PIC, Illustrious Sir Gary Henderson, PIC

Ted Henderson and Unit Commanders & their ladies. The Officers introduced their guests and gave a report on his division.

Commander Pulley reminded everyone about his incoming convention and events in the near future. On April 6-10, 2016 "join us for a trip down memory lane as we get our kicks on Route 66" Commander Pulley & the Officers & their ladies would like invite eve-

Division One

ryone to attend the International Association Legions of Honor 85th Annual Convention. The Convention will be held at the Regency Conference Center and Hilton Garden Inn, O'Fallon, Illinois.

Happy Summer Days are here, if you are excited about this summer, then chances are you will be ready to hit the beach and pool with some friends. However, the summer is also a time for many people to travel the world. So, keep calm and enjoy the summer.

If I can be of any assistance, please call me at 956-607-3640 or email: medi-na502@aol.com; also you can call my Chief of Staff Jim Fox 816-560-7724 or email: kbzerofox1@gmail.com

Gilbert Medina
1st Lt. Commander
IALOH

**Deadline for the
October
Newsletter
is
01 October 2015**

2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Spring is always a time of renewal transformation and change. Yes, spring is in the air and we've seen the jesters do their April Fool's Day things once again. Time marches on for all of us. Change comes whether we're ready for it or not. Now on a more serious tone, spring is the renewal time for the IALOH and its annual Convention which took place in April as usual. Outgoing Commander Ted Henderson picked Tampa, Florida for the 2015 convention location. What could be finer than the home of the **INTERNATIONAL IMPERIAL SHRINE** and one of our Shrine Hospitals for Children? This was also a warm, sunny place for snowbound people to come and enjoy the beach. Congratulations go to the new **PIC Ted**, for a great location and convention. There were four people running

for three positions to be filled, as it has been for many years. Since 2003 we have had



Morris Sykes

Division Two

real interest in running for vacant positions on the slate. Congratulations go first to James A. Pulley who was elected International Commander. The following were raised one Lt. position: 1st Lt. Gilbert G. Median, 2nd Lt. Morris W. Sykes, 3rd Lt. Ray Combs, 4th Lt. Eddie Daffern, 5th Lt. Albert Gonzalez, and 6th Michael D. Murray. The two vacated positions to be elected went to 7th Lt. Tracy Coughlin and 8th Lt. Steven Walker. The position of Adjutant was open with the retirement of Ronald A. Lee and Kevin Fox was elected IALOH Adjutant for the three year term. Then Ronald A. Lee was quickly elected **Adjutant Emeritus**. The 2016 Convention will be April 6 – 10 in O'Fallon, IL; 2017 will be April 19 – 22 in Corpus Christ, TX; and 2018 is being planned for April 25 – 28 in Overland Park, KS.
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We can expect each new International Commander to make some significant changes. Last year, PIC Ted Henderson set up the **DIVISION** like the International Imperial Associations with the intention that the Lt. Number and **DIVISION** number would be the same. That way, all 144 LOH units would know who was going to be their next year's **IALOH DIVISION Lt. Commander**. Commander Jim Pulley made some changes as to which states are in a **DIVISION**. He pulled some states out of one Shrine Association and put them into a different Shrine Association, changing things which are too numerous to mention. I have been assigned the same geographic area as last year however the **DIVISION** number has changed from three to two. I have been trying for several years to attend the joint dinner of the Al Kaly and El Jebel Shrines in Colorado. It's usually held at Duke's Steak House in Castle Pines, Colorado, which is owned by the widow of a former member. Other commitments have always prevented me from attending.

This year Lady Suzette and I were able to attend. We both love the mountains, pine trees and snow. In addition to being a life member of Arab Shrine in Topeka, KS,

I'm an Associate Member of the Al Kaly and El Jebel Shrines Honor units. So it's especially gratifying to be warmly received by the two Colorado Legion of Honor Units. Being a cowboy, I really enjoyed two events in the Flint Hills of Kansas before traveling to Canada in June. The first was the Flint Hills Rodeo in Strong City, which has been the longest continuous rodeo in Kansas for 78 years. So it's especially gratifying to be warmly received by the two Colorado Legion of Honor Units. Being a cowboy, I really enjoyed two events in the Flint Hills of Kansas before traveling to Canada in June. The first was the Flint Hills rodeo in Strong City,

which has been the longest continuous rodeo in Kansas for 78 years. The second was Lady Suzette and I treating ourselves to a steak in an overnight at the historic Grand Central Hotel in Cottonwood Falls. Next, we flew to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. We were met at the airport by Len and Marie Potechin and taken to the Hunt and Golf Country Club for lunch. The club is one of my favorite places in Ottawa. The food is wonderful and I love the pictures of Ike (President Eisenhower) playing golf and the warm hospitality of Len and Marie. Then we had an evening at the Marriott with good friends CDR Jim and Deb Pulley, COS Jim and Nancy Lare, Ray and Pat Combs, Al Gonzalez and Jim Cone.

On Sunday, we were greeted by Ken Snider, PP of Tunis Shrine and Commander of the Wreath and Poppy Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Canadian Soldier and by members from Rameses Shrine and Mocha Shrine. The weather this year was the finest it has been for the last ten years I have attended. On Sunday, we were greeted by Ken Snider, PP of Tunis Shrine and Commander of the Wreath and Poppy Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Canadian Soldier and by members from Rameses Shrine and Mocha Shrine. The weather this year was the finest it has been for the last ten years I have attended. The following day was rainy, which was the Monday that was declared National Shriner day by the Mayor of Ottawa. The Mayor was joined by Tunis Potentate Dale Olm for a public dedication on the city square near the Memorial that honors all Canadian veterans in wars from WW I to present day. Local radio station Boom 99.7 broadcast the ceremony. Also attending were representatives from Montreal Shrine Hospital along with several children from the hospital. Ceremonies were followed by a Welcoming Hospitality Buffet back at the hotel, provided by the Tunis Shrine with fine food, fellowship and drinks enjoyed by all.

All good things have to come to an end so the next day Lady Suzette and I had catch a 5:00 AM flight with a four hour layover in New Jersey.

The long layover caused me to be unable to attend the Annual Arab Flag Day Picnic in Topeka, KS as well as the Abdallah Memorial Korean and Vietnam Day service in Kansas City, MO. The Arab Shrine Spring Ceremonial was a good one with 24 or more new Nobles taking the class and getting Fez'd, and the Legion of Honor getting two more young members. Later that same day one said he would be glad to carry a flag in the parade! It seems Lady Suzette and I are always booking ourselves for two things on the same day, but it makes for a full and enjoyable life. After the Spring Ceremonial we drove out into the Flint Hills and attended the 10th Annual Grasslands of the World Symphony in the Flint Hills performed by the Kansas City Symphony. As I look forward to the rest of the year, and my three years on the IALOH line, I know it's natural that life will bring some changes, some expected and some not. I know we need to be intentional about change if we in our Legion of Honor units are to ever improve. So, let's think of Change, and the Transparency that has to occur to help all of us understand and accept Change, and how Change has to be meaningful and productive if we are to improve our Numbers.

Change - Transparency - Numbers

Morris W. Sykes
2nd Lt. Commander

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From the Adjutant/Editor



Kevin Fox

Nobles,

Thank you for electing me as your International Adjutant. I have some really big shoes to fill and I am trying to learn as I go. I am asking your for your patience while I grow into this position. I will do the best of my ability and will try not to let anyone down. I will try to answer any questions that you have while I learn all of the processes and procedures, and if I do not have the answer I will let you know and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Just a side note about me. I became a Master Mason in November of 1985.

The military kept me busy and then after the military I was knee deep in raising a family. Once the kids were grown I joined the shrine in 2009 and have met so many nice people who love to give their time to helping children in need. I am currently living in Pennsylvania but I am in the process of moving to Florida, hopefully before the cold sets in.

Growing up, both my grandfather and father who were Masons told me that if you want to get respect you have to give respect. I am a firm believer in that. That plainly shows character and only a man's character is the real criterion of worth. When we took the oath of an entered apprentice, we took to heart and with much regards to honoring

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3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Three

Hello everyone from the Combs household. We have started out the month of April traveling to Columbus Ohio for the LOSNA Thea Court No 5 Open Installation. Great big congratulations to Lady Kathy Amspaugh for her advancement to High Priestess. It was a very beautiful event and we wish them a successful year. Lady Pat served as High Priest of Bara Court in 2006 and I am so proud of her doing so, she now belongs to Bona Court in Cincinnati due to Bara Court closing.

We had our Spring Reunion for the Scottish Rite this month and I enjoyed again working in the candidate's room this year. I'm honored that I can do something in return for my Scottish Rite this year and look forward to doing this again this fall. Group was small but that seems to be the trend everywhere I travel. It will turn soon I hope. It's up to all of us to continue to seek membership for the Masonic Orders. My goal each year is to get one person to join, it is sometimes hard but I make it and so can you my brother.

Antioch Shrine Temple held their Salute the Troops dinner and entertainment this month. What a turn out and what a show. The USO show was superb. Just like back in the day with Bob Hope, Jack Benny, and the USO ladies performing. What memories. We had almost a hundred veterans show up for this event and man did we ALL have a blast from the past!! Thank you Ills Sir Kevin Sweeney and Lady Val. All the divan members took part and made a special evening for all of us in attendance.

IALOH Convention in Tampa was a great time. I thank all of you for electing myself to move forward to the 3rd Lt Cmdr. for this year. I will continue to work for you and support you in every way possible.

After the International Convention, Lady Pat and I, and our best of friends, traveled on to Key West on a little R & R. Pat has never been to the Keys and it was on her bucket list, so guess what, off into the wild blue wonder! What a splendid time we had. Lady Pat and I love to travel so invite us and we'll do our best to make it to some of your events. . We do stay busy in all of the Masonic Bodies and enjoy all of our friendships.

May was a busy month with a lot of birthdays. We had four this month, along with our granddaughter's graduation in Atlanta Ga. Almost 1000 students graduated in that class that day. It was a long event but we're very proud grandparents .



Ray Combs

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ance. We had a great time, meeting friends and making new ones as well. We would like to thank you, Commander Barry McCaslin for such an enjoyable weekend.

Lexington Shrine Hospital had their Hospital Day Open House and it was a total success, followed by the parade of units.

Antioch Legion of Honor again posted Colors at our local Shiloh Church in honor of our military members on Memorial Day. We have been doing this now for close to 15 years. What an honor to attend our local churches and participate in our military remembrance.

June took us into Canada for their Laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This was my 6th year in doing so and it is always an honor to do this. Thank you guys for inviting us up to your special tribute to your Veterans. Imp Sir Chris Smith and our International LOH Commander Jim Pulley were there for this special event as well as Lt Cmdr. Morris Sykes, Lt Cmdr. Ray Combs, and Lt Cmdr. Al Gonzalez. Beautiful event and we did beat the weather this year, usually we get rained on.

From there we traveled to Montreal Canada where Lady Pat and I visited and toured the Montreal Shrine Hospital, as always, a beautiful building for our children.

Lady Pat and I traveled on down the and did a little R&R for ourselves visiting the following states; Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, Mass., Penn., New Jersey, and Rhode Island. While in Penn we stopped and did a tour of the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital as well.

Once we left that hospital, we traveled down to Gettysburg National Park to enjoy a little bit of history from this great country. What an awesome experience to stand on the battlefield and look out over the country side where such a devastating battle took place.

Lexington Shrine Hospital, Lexington Ky is operating under budget so far this year and the construction is for the new hospital is well on its way. No problems thus far

and due to open early 2017. Will give you a good date when we get close to opening day.

Heading out to Houston Texas soon for the Imperial Session and I hope to see a lot of you there. The IALOH again this year gets to post colors and how proud we are to do so.

Keep em Flying

Ray Combs, P.P
3rd Lt Cmdr.

The objectives of the International Association Legions of Honor are:
To foster a Spirit of Patriotism and Love of Country and Flag;
To perpetuate the memory of our Comrades in Arms who made the Supreme Sacrifice by giving their lives for their country while members of the Armed Forces;
To devote our efforts as individuals and Legion of Honor Units to strive for an increase in Friendship and Cooperation between our Legion of Honor Units and other Units of Shriners International

4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Summer greetings to everyone! The IALOH Convention is history and we are in the beginning days of another great year. Past Commander Ted Henderson had an outstanding convention and everyone had a great time. Thank you Ted! Newly elected Commander Jim Pulley is doing a great job and travelling a lot. Congratulations to him and Deb.

Congratulations also to Steve Walker being elected 8th Lt Cmdr and to Tracy Coughlin being elected 7th Lt Cmdr. They and their ladies, Leighanne and Janet, are great additions to the line. Ron Lee is now the Emeritus Adjutant but says he will still be very visible to us all. For the time being, he is also continuing to publish the Yearbook. Ron, and his lady Helen, were always a great source of information for Shari and me and I will miss him being on the line. But, we have another great noble who is now our Adjutant, Kevin Fox. He and his lady Kelly are also great people and we are glad to have them on the line. Being Adjutant isn't easy, and while Kevin is learning the job, be patient with him, because he will do a great job also.

Shari and I, along with TALOH Commander, Bill Chicky visited the LOH at Khiva Shrine in Amarillo, TX on May 13th and 14th. We attended the Temple Stated meeting on the 13th and the Potentate, Ill. Sir Wayne Adams, not only had the LOH stand to be recognized, but .

to be recognized, but Also brought them all up on the dais to be recognized. .

The temple is very glad to have them back as a viable unit. This is a not a new unit, but one that has begun to get new members, get organized and to start participating in parades and at the temple. One noble, Bo Ledinski, was the sole member for many years and kept dues paid to International so their charter would not lapse. They had over 20 members at their meeting and they are all quality guys who are able to lead the unit. We are very proud of them.



Eddie Daffern

On June 3rd through 6th, we attended Texas Shrine Association in Corpus Christi. TALOH Commander, Bill Chicky, had a great breakfast meeting and a well organized competition arena. We had teams from Hella

Division Four

Temple in Dallas, Karem Temple in Waco, Ben Hur in Austin and Al Amin in Corpus Christi competing. . I competed with Ben Hur who came in second in the Color Guard

Ben Hur in Austin and Al Amin in Corpus Christi competing. . I competed with Ben Hur who came in second in the Color Guard-Competition and 2nd in the Parade Competition. Two different sets of military failed to show, so Commander Chicky picked three ladies to be judges and they did a great job.

In a few days, we will be making our way to Houston for Imperial. Right now, I know we will have a short meeting on Sunday, July 5th and then the IALOH officers will present the colors for the opening ceremony. I will report on all that in the next Newsletter. Hope to see a lot of your there.

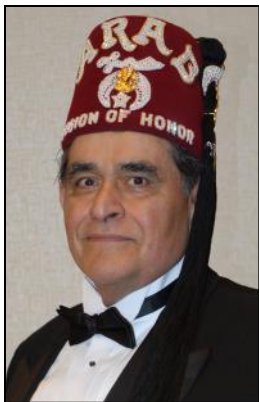
Semper Fi,
Eddie Daffern, PP
4th Lt Commander, IALOH

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

2015 started out at Jericho's LOH Change of Command Ceremony in Kingsport TN. David Morrison was installed as the new LOH Commander. Congratulations to all the new Officers.

March found us at the annual TALOH Change of Command Ceremony Bill Chicky was installed as Commander. My good friend, Arvid Bergman was installed as 2nd Lt. Cdr. congratulations to all the new Officers.

In March we attended the MASA LOH Change of Command in Wyomissing PA. Our new IALOH Adjutant, Kevin Fox went out of office and Barry Weisser was installed as the new Commander. There were old and new friends there, Kevin Fox, Barry Weisser, some new friends, Bryan and Melissa,



Al Gonzalez

Barbara and Ed, Brad Slinkard and Cathy Shaddle. We all went out for a lovely dinner

Division Five

with Kathy Hagan who organized it with Phyllis & Bill Weiss, Brad & Cathy, Bryan & Melissa, and Steve Walker with his new bride Leighanne.

An "on the road" habit I have is to walk up to anybody that shows a sign of being a Masonic brother... and shake his hand. While at the restaurant, this time it turned out to be the Pennsylvania Grand Master, Bob Bateman along with his entire traveling entourage. I introduced myself and my companions. We had a great time getting to know one another, taking pictures, and exchanging business cards and pins right there in the Lobby

In April we all went to the IALOH Convention in Tampa FL. Ted had a great Convention and one of the best bands I've ever heard. It was of a Caribbean vibe, everyone loved it. **(Continued on page 6)**

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division eight

Congratulations to our new Commander, Jim Pulley and all the rest of the newly elected Officers.

In May I visited the Omar Shrine Officers of Mt. Pleasant SC while they were at Myrtle Beach having their Ceremonial.

We then headed for Pigeon Forge TN to attend "Fun Fest" sponsored by Kerbela Shrine of Knoxville TN. It is an annual Fundraiser for them. This year was their 39th year. I.S. Jim Cain and his lovely Lady Patsy were in attendance. There were quite a few TN, KY, WV, VA, NC, and SC Temples there. We had no idea of where any of them were staying, so we went up & down the Hwy looking for anything that looked to be Shrine and proceeded to search them out. We got to meet a lot of new folks this way.

Rizpah from Madisonville KY was cooking a fish fry about the time we appeared in their Hospitality. They invited us to stay and we broke bread with them...it was a great dinner. We visited with El Hasa where Jim Smith and his crew were getting their Hospitality started.

I met the Kerbela LOH Commander at the "All Units Meet & Greet" in the Convention Center. Just the other day, in the mail, arrived the KERBELA KNEWS, their Newsletter...in it was a picture of the Cdr. and I in the "Scrapbook" section.

In all, I visited at the Al Menah, Alhambra, Kazim, Kena, El Hasa, Kerbela, and Jericho Shrine Hospitalities.

We stayed with Jericho at Mainstays Inn and had a great time as always. I rode on their trailer in the Parade.

Potentate Eddie Moore and his Lady Sissie had her crew lined up for all the Hospitality shopping, cooking, serving, and clean-up. Those gals do such a great job every year.

The Nobles of Jericho put on a BBQ one evening in the Mainstay Pavillion. What a fine meal it was. Also, at this time, I took the opportunity to present Jericho PC Chuck Blair with his IALOH Distinguished Service Award Certificate and Pin. He was flabbergasted and very humbled by the gesture.

My Lady Laurie went through the "Hillbilly Degree". She was always one by birth...but now she is official. We look forward to many future Hillbilly outings.

Next was the SASA Spring Meeting & Elections in Lexington KY.

This was my 7th SASA Spring Meeting. All you need is 3 in a row to be considered Emeritus.. I consider myself Emeritus now.

The evening's entertainment was really great. "Ladies of Liberty" ... looked and sounded like the Andrew sisters. They set the mood so good, you felt like you were back in the 40's! They sang "Oh Johnnie O" and used Bill Sears as Johnnie.. he was covered in kisses and loving it!

Congratulations to the Officers elect who will be installed at Myrtle Beach in September. We all had a good time and were able to meet Lady Sandi's family. I would like to wish her son Jay well.

Congratulations to SASA PC David Conley of Amran Shrine for receiving the IALOH Distinguished Service Award presented by IALOH CDR. Jim Pulley. David was completely surprised and truly honored to receive this prestigious award.

Lady Laurie and I attended the Lexington Shrine Hospital's Open House celebration on Sunday before we left for home. They had tours, entertainment, food, and a Parade. Fortunately, the last Unit came through before the sky opened up and dumped rain on everyone. 10 minutes later, the sky was blue and sunny again. While there, I took the opportunity to say "Hello" to a fellow Kansan, the Imperial Oriental Guide, Jeff Sowder. Fellow IALOH Officer Ray Combs, Lady Pat, and Clara showed us around the Hospital and had lunch with us.

Jim Cone, my Chief Personal Aide and Amran LOH Cdr., as well as having been elected to 3rd Lt. Cdr. on the SASA line and I had the honor of attending the Ottawa Canada Wreath Laying Ceremony. In attendance also was Imperial Chief Rabban, Chris Smith, International LOH Commander Jim Pulley along with his COS Jim Lare, 2nd Lt. Cdr. Morris Sykes, and 3rd Lt Cdr. Ray Combs...their Ladies accompanied them.

This is the 4th Canadian Wreath Laying Ceremony I've been to and Jim Cone's first.

While in Canada, we attended "Shriner Appreciation Day", as proclaimed by the Mayor. We were able to meet the Grand Master of Ottawa Ontario Canada and had a great time meeting several new Tunis Shrine members. Jim Cone and I are looking forward to attending next year with our ladies.

While driving to Ontario, I felt the need for a cup of coffee. We saw a restaurant sign but had no idea how far from the highway it may have been. When we finally arrived and it was packed. There was an adjacent grocery-convenience store. We went in and happened to meet the owner. He was so pleased that we had travelled from Kansas and North Carolina for that special Ceremony, that he gave us the coffee for free. I missed the photo op...so we'll have to go back! Our next trip is to Imperial in Houston TX. It's an honor to be in the Legion of Honor.





REGISTRATION & ROOM RESERVATION FORM

Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony

Nov 4 – Nov 8, 2015

Wednesday - 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 + \$12.87tax = \$111.87 per night. A ONE NIGHTS NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED. The Housing Coordinator must receive the completed registration form, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20, 2015.

Forms received after AUGUST 20, 2015, are subject to availability.

Priority will be given to guests staying longer than one day.

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

(NON REFUNDABLE)

RETURN COMPLETED ROOM FORM TO:

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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
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ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS, CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES IN RESERVATIONS
MUST GO THROUGH THE HOUSING CHAIRMAN, RAYMOND COFFEY

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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: _____

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Seven

As the newly elected 7th Lt Commander, I'd like to begin my reign of terror with a sincere thank you to all the nobles who supported me at the 2015 IALOH convention in Tampa, Florida. And an even bigger thank you goes out to all those who voted for me! I promise the trust you put in me will not be abused or taken for granted. Congratulations to Steve Walker for his election to 8th Lt Commander and Kevin Fox for being elected as our new Adjutant. And of course, congratulations to all the officers as they advance on the line. We're looking forward to the leadership by our new Commander, Jim "Hill Billy" Pulley. Best of luck to all, we're going to need it!

As a newly installed Past Commander, Ted "Legal Eagle" Henderson put on an excellent convention where we all had a blast at the Pirates of the Caribbean Party. It took some fancy sword work and a little gun powder, but I was able to win the best pirate costume contest and along with my wench, Janet, won the best pirate couple contest. By the way, Janet also goes by "What the hell did he do now?" Ted's Tiki Bar was a blast and thanks to the folks from Bahia LOH for staffing the bar and helping us all enjoy the weekend. And I'm told there was a wonderful banquet sometime during the weekend and I'm sure I had a great time because I woke up with a new LOH medallion after it was all over with.

My first assault as a new IALOH officer was to Sarasota for the Florida Shrine Association Annual Convention. I wasn't left to my own evil ways because Commander "Hill Billy" Pulley and PIC "Legal Eagle" Henderson were in attendance and did their best to keep me in line. FSA Commander Malcom Van Dyke put on a well-attended hospitality room and an excellent banquet. I must say that I've never had a better meal at any Shrine event than the one served Saturday night by the Sahib kitchen staff.



Tracy Coughlin

staff. And speaking of staff, my Chief of Staff, Karl "Short Round" Stimson, was elected as the new FSA Commander for the year. If all goes well, we'll get out of this alive.

I soloed as an IALOH officer when I had the honor of presenting Chuck Rigg of Alee LOH his Meritorious Service Award and pin. Chuck has done a great job promoting and representing not only the LOH, but his unit and temple. The award couldn't have been presented to a better person. Thank you to Commander Jim Dover and the Alee LOH nobles for a great meal and making me feel welcomed at your meeting. I hope to visit again soon, but let's do it when it's not so hot outside.

As I go through this line, I'd like to know what I can do to support your unit. I can't promise anything, but I can't help if I don't know what you need. It's my goal to find ways to increase the value of the IALOH for the associations and units. Please call or send me an email with your suggestions or ideas. My contact information can be found elsewhere in the newsletter, so I won't take up space repeating it, but if it's not, give me a call and I'll give you my phone number.

As I write this, I'm getting ready for my first Imperial Session in Houston and I'm looking forward to the trip. Hopefully they'll let me back next year and look for my report next time. I just hope it's not a police report from Houston.

Until next time,

Tracy Coughlin

Charlie here.....

Even though a marriage is made in heaven, the maintenance work has to be done here on earth.



From the Adjutant/Editor

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and respecting our fellow brothers.. With all the troubles we are having in our society, we as Masons and Shriners need to stick together. There are two paragraphs in the Shriner's Creed that I would like to quote.

"As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other."

"As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed so that we and our communities will be all the better because of our fraternity and its principles."

There is an anonymous author who said, "Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character; and watch your character; because it becomes your destiny."

These are words that we as Masons and Shriners should live by. If we are to move forward to a destiny that is positive and will reflect the true meaning of Masonry and Shrinedom. So let's think about this as we go along with our daily lives and be the best we can be. This will be a testament to ourselves as individuals and as masons and shriners. May God bless you and keep everyone

Safe as we are travel to different shrine functions and events. Please remember Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony is just around the corner. I know that our 4th Lt Commander Dafferin will have a great hospitality room for everyone to enjoy. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there and hope that we have new nobles there as well.

Finally, I would like to ask all the unit leaders to check with their Adjutants and Finance officers to make sure the Annual Report has been submitted and the current year's dues have been paid.

Yours in the faith,

Kevin Fox

8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Within the scope of my Legion of Honor duties as Commander of our Unit at Al Bahr Shrine, I have found myself busy as the 1st Lt Cmdr of the Western Shrine Association Legions of Honor and now have been elected to the position of 8th Lt Cmdr for the International Association Legions of Honor. What a terrific way to continue my time in the Shrine.

Besides fulfilling the tasks and areas of the country assigned to me, I would like veterans to get more visibility in the Shrine, , but even more important to me is to get more veterans into the Shrine.

To me the Shrine and Masonry is the perfect organization for someone who has spent time in the military. It has the same close friendships and environment that they experienced serving their country. Who is this newly elected 8th Lt Cmdr you may be asking yourself. I was born in Los Angeles, Ca and have lived here all but seven years in Tulsa, OK. My wife Leighanne and I have a home currently in a small community in San Diego County. When I am not busy with the Scottish Rite of San Diego, Royal arch Masons or more importantly my Blue Lodge, Consuelo #325, I enjoy a round of golf when I can and always have time for family and friends outside of Masonry.

My military involvement was short probably compared to others, but the time spent within the United States Navy

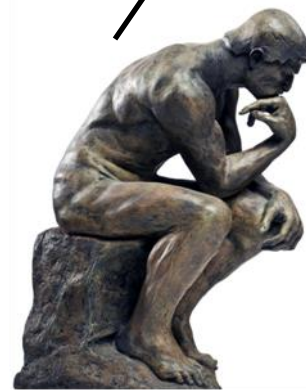


Steven C. Walker

in particular on the U.S.S. Midway has given me a lifetime of memories. After getting out of the Navy I was able to join the Air National Guard while living in Tulsa, Ok, then after moving back to California I joined the California Air National Guard for some additional years until a medical issue forced me out. Being elected as an International Officer for the I.A.L.O.H. is an honor that will help me carry out my vision of military importance in this great country we live in.

Division eight

A pessimist is someone who looks at the land of milk and honey and sees only calories & Cholesterol.



Arlington Wreath Laying

The Arlington Wreath Laying is a time to reflect on those who have given their final sacrifice with their lives so that we may be free. Please come out and show your respect to these veterans on Nov 4th to the 8th. Please see the information in this newsletter for more information.





INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

LEGIONS OF HONOR

Remembrance Luncheon

Arlington, Virginia

November 7, 2015



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR

33rd Annual Wreath Laying

Arlington, Virginia

4 November - 7 November

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, 4 Nov 15

Hospitality Room Set-up will be open 1700-2100
Food and Beverages will not be served

Thursday, 5 Nov 14

1300 - 2200 Hospitality Room Open
1300 - 2100 Registration Open, Sign-in for Attendance Credit
1900 - 2200 Board of Directors meeting

Friday, 6 Nov 15

0700 - 1130 Hospitality Room Open
0800 - 0845 Committee Meeting
0845 - 0900 Finance Committee Meeting
0900 - 1100 Board of Directors Meeting (if needed)
1130 - 1300 Lunch in Hospitality Room
1300 - 2300 Hospitality Room Open
1300 - 1700 Registration Open, Sign-in for Attendance Credit
1700 - 1900 Dinner on Your Own
1900 - 2100 Registration Open, Sign-in for Attendance Credit

Saturday, 7 Nov 15

0600 - 0730 Hospitality Room Open for coffee, juice, pastries
0700 - 0745 Registration Open, Sign-in for Attendance Credit
0800 - 0930 Meeting and Memorial Service in Hotel Ballroom
1000 Buses Begin Leaving for Cemetery

1115 **Wreath Laying - International Commander Pulley and Invited Dignitaries**

1130 - 1200 **Canadian Honour Service (Following Wreath Laying)**

1300 - 1430 **Commander's Luncheon - in Hotel Ballroom (\$25.00 Per Person - Advance Reservation Required)**

1430 - 2300 Hospitality Room Open
1730 - 1900 Dinner on Your Own

Sunday, 8 Nov 15
0700 - 0900 Hospitality Room Open, Coffee, Juice and Pastries

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 deserts. We hope you will be able to join the Nobles and Ladies who attend this very special event.

Deadline for Reservations is October 15, 2015

Please mail your reservation with your check made payable to:

IALOH Arlington Luncheon

to:

David Smith, Luncheon Chairman

1018 SW Walker 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 7, 2015

Please Print

Name: _____ Shrine Center: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Number of persons: _____ @ \$25.00 each = _____

Lady/Guest(s) Name: _____

Thanks for Attending - Have a Safe Trip Home

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