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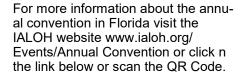


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Now Hear This From The Commander

Hello LOH Nobles.

As this will be my last article in the IALOH newsletter as the Commander, my lady Jan and I would like to **Thank all** of the LOH nobles and ladies for their help and support this year. There are so many to thank, from the IALOH officers, Pic's, and members of this great organization. With out your support, we would have not had a successful year. We have met so many great people over the years and consider them as friends and hope to see you at future events.

We (IALOH) this year have reinstated 5 LOH units, budget tracking / procedures, formed a Committee to review the bylaws, Arlington, fund raisers (coins, etc.,) to keep costs down, Updated the Drill procedures (just to mention of the few). I am very proud of the officers and COS's this year in getting things done and supporting not only the IALOH, but all of the LOH units and associations. I want to thank all the officers that made this happen, their dedication to the IALOH is deeply appreciated.

In case you have not heard, IALOH 3rd Lt. Commander Charles McIntosh has resigned from the international line due to health reasons. Please keep Charles in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through getting better. He still plans on attending LOH events in the future. Charles has been a valuable noble in helping with not only IALOH events including addition to other LOH through the years.



David Ginapp, PC



Please remember to let IALOH Adjutant know when you are holding events at your temple or at an LOH Association to be posted in the IALOH newsletter and on the IALOH website. We want to get the word out to all members so that they can attend these events.

The beginning of this year I was honored to attend PNSA and TALOH. At PNSA, there was a focus on the Legion of Honor units at the temples. I was honored to reinstate the LOH unit at El Korah and attended the American Legion post meeting. After the meeting I had a couple of the American Legion members ask how to become a member of the Legion of Honor. TALOH was a great event, and everyone had fun. Special thank you to TALOH Past Commander Paul Plourde for a everything that

was done to make TALOH a memorable event and Congratulations to TALOH Commander Fred Maynard, I know he will have a successful year. Annual Convention is approaching fast. Some of the events that are planned are Fishing / Golf / Beach/ scavenger hunt/miniature golf at a hotel 2 blocks from the beach and on a water way. This will be a great time to see and meet friends that you have not seen in a while. If you have not reserved a hotel room or sent in your registration, remember the cut off date is March 19th in order to get an accurate count for those attend-

You will see Jan and myself continuing to support the IALOH and the units in the following years and look forward to your support as the new IALOH officers take office.

Pride Runs Deep!!! See you soon, David Ginapp IALOH Commander 2022-2023



Bylaw Changes

Five Bylaw changes have been submitted for review and approval at the IALOH Convention in April 2023. The Bylaws can be reviewed by clicking the link or scanning the QR code. The Bylaws changes are the following:

- 1. Deleting the Associate member
- 2. Changing the Officers Duties
- 3. Allowing the Adjutant to make changes to the Bylaws
- 4. Clarifying the word "Shall" or "Will"
- 5. Deleting the requirement of the Unit in good standing for the DSA
- Changing the process to set Unit dues.,

Bylaws (ialoh.org)



GRAY AREAS: I hope this finds you all well, having survived the winter. Especially to our brothers and friends in California, as Mother Nature continues to show them who's in charge. Another Quarter has flown by since the last newsletter. As we are preparing for our 92nd Annual IALOH Convention and elections, I hope you've made plans to attend. This is the most important meeting of the IALOH year, it gives the nobility the opportunity to hear firsthand from every committee chairman, to meet with the executive committee, the candidates running to fill officer vacancies, and for your voices to be heard. We listen, as proven by the changes at the Annual Arlington Pilgrimage based on Nobility input.

February began with Fezzes in abundance here in Las Vegas with the 98th East West Shrine Bowl. The festivities kicked off at the Hyper X Arena inside the Luxor Hotel with a meet and greet with players and coaches, a bite to eat and an autograph or two. Friday's game was quite a defensive battle with both sides being held to field goals (the West came out on top. The remainder of the weekend the

Western Shrine Association (WSA) held their mid-winter meetings including the Legion of Honor. Congratulations to Commander James Lamb of Ballut Abyab Shrine in Albuquerque, NM, and his slate of Officers, best wishes for a successful year.

Toward the end of February, I was privileged to attend the Texas Association Legion of Honor (TALOH) mid-winter meeting in beautiful Fredericksburg, TX. Outgoing Commander Paul Plourde put on one heck of a Convention. Incoming Commander Fred Maynard and his Officers, have big shoes to fill, but we know TALOH is in good hands under your leadership.

While at TALOH, we received some sad news, 3rd Lt Commander Charles McIntosh resigned from the IALOH due to health reasons. This noble, brother, and friend will be greatly missed as he put his heart and soul into this organization, TALOH and his Shrine. He bled green, yellow, and red. Charles always did a fantastic job no matter what the task, as evident at last year's Arlington Pilgrimage. I am truly going to miss you, my friend.

Russ Gray, 1st Lt Commander

Left Picture: International Officers Commander David Ginapp, 1st Lt. Commander Russell Gray, 2nd Lt. Command David Hobbs, and PIC Eddie Daffern at TALOH drill competition.

Division 5



Russell Gray, PC







Upcoming events:

IALOH Annual Convention, Indian Rocks Beach FL, April 25 – 30, 2023.

Mid Atlantic Shrine Association LOH, (MASA) Maiden Creek PA, May 11 – 1, 2023.

Ottawa Wreath Laying, Ontario, Canada, June 3 – 4, 2023. Shrine Imperial Session, Charlotte, NC, July 2 – 6, 2023.

Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA), July 26 – 30, 2023.

Let us not forget the Arlington Pilgrimage, **November 1 – 5, 2023**, in our new location, The Crown Plaza, Crystal City, VA See the website, www.ialoh.org for complete information.

We are looking forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

What a whirlwind 2022..!! Lady Lisa and I traveled to Pidgeon Forge for the SESA Convention, then off to Myrtle Beach for the SASA convention. I got to travel with Commander Dave Ginapp to Fredericksburg, TX for the TALOH Change of Command. I got to see some old friends and made a lot of new ones. A quick trip to Azan Legion of Honor in Melbourne, Florida as well as my duties with the Egypt Shrine LOH. I loved every minute of it.

The new year is underway and it is shaping up to be an exciting one. We are looking forward to an exciting 92nd Annual IALOH Convention at Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. I want to wish outgoing Commander Dave Ginapp and Lady Jan our "Traveling Partners" the very best in the future with calm winds at your back and smooth seas ahead on your next adventure whatever that brings you.

From April 7th through the 9th I had the honor of presenting colors at

the Egypt Shrine Circus with the Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor. Fun and Frivolity was the tone of the week, especially in their hospitality tent.

Looking forward, I will be leaving my home from June 25th through August 8th, as I travel with the Mandarins Drum and Bugle Corps from Sacramento, California as part of their touring staff.

would remind everyone to put on their calendars our Annual Arlington Wreath Laying in Arlington. The dates are November 1st through November 5th.. The Wreath Laying will be on Saturday, November 4th. It will be exciting with the events that are planned as well as moving to a NEW HOTEL, the Crowne Plaza in Crystal City.

For those of you coming to the IALOHConvention, safe travels and I look forward to seeing many of you in future events.

Dave & Lisa Hobbs



Top: 2nd Lt. Commander David Hobbs with Chief Rabban Danny Monk and the Azan LOH.

Right: 2nd Lt. Cmdr David, Hobbs, PP Dwight Brown and PC Moises Rosado at USF Dance Marathon for Shriners Hospital.

Division 4



David Hobbs, PC





Arlington 2023 Challenge Coin Coin number 2 of a set

Order form is on the IALOH website.

Go to www.ialoh.org/Events/Arlington
Or contact Lt. Cmdr. David Hobbs

Contact info on page 15



With my deepest regrets this will be my last Newsletter. With several medical reasons I have to resign from The International association Legions of Honor. I have several fond memories that I will cherish. I want to thank the International Officers for coming to TALOH to support Commander Plourde in the Change of Command ceremony, it was a Hugh success. Thanks for all the Support that I received from all the LOH units in Div. 1. I will continue ordering the tomb shirts.

Arlington Tomb Shirt

If you are interested in ordering an Arlington Tomb shirt you can order the button down or polo; men's and ladies. The order form is on-line. Just follow these steps: Go to the IALOH website www.ialoh.org. Select the "Event" menu tab then select "Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony" then select "Order Your Tomb Shirt".

If you have any questions please contact: Charles McIntosh, 2310 Skipcha Dr.

Harker Heights, TX 76548
HP: 254-245-8930, CP: 254-368-1542, Email: charlesmci@hot.rr.com

Division 1



Charles McIntosh, PC



4th Lieutenant Commander



Wayne Steele, PC

Another quarter has passed and Lady Vicki and I are looking forward to the 92nd Annual IALOH Convention in Indian Rock, Florida come April. I know the IALOH Commander and his lady have been working hard putting it together and from what I have seen it will be a great time of fellowship. The events they have planned, in addition to conducting our business, provides something for everyone. If you don't attend you will be missing out.

Over the past few months, I have attended the installation of new LOH officers and have noticed that some of the LOH units are starting to shrink in size. It looks like we have our work cut out for us and if there is anything I can do to help feel free to let me know

I am updating my point of contact list and there are many recent changes in leadership in Division Six. If you haven't provided updated information to me, please do so and I will make ensure the IALOH Adjutant gets that information as well.

In addition to the Annual convention, other events you should be considering attending are the Annual Pilgrimage to Arlington for the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier the first weekend of November, the Canadian Wreath Laying in Ottawa, Canada on the first of June, and the Imperial Session to be held the first week of July. Information can be found on the IALOH Home Page.

The South Eastern Shrine Association held their Mid-Winter meeting in Savanah, Georgia from 23 through 26 February and those in attendance had a good time. That event com-

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petes with the Texas Association Legion of Honor meeting each year, which has drawn members from the SESA event. SESA is looking at trying to deconflict that in the future, but it might take a few years because planning is already underway for next year. The SESA Annual Convention will be held in Pigeon Forge from 10 to 13 August

Lady Vicki and I want to wish you a happy easter and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

YITF, Wayne Steele, PC

PACT Act

Congress approved the Veterans PACT Act that makes it easier for Veterans to get compensated for their disabilities. If you want to know more about this law click on the link or scan the QR code.

The PACT Act And Your VA Benefits | Veterans Affairs



Greetings. At the time of this writing we are approaching the *Spring Equinox* and the beginning of the spring season. The *Spring Equinox* occurs when the sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north (an imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator). For me, it signifies the coming of warmer weather and the opportunity to do more outdoor Shriner events. So, dust off those canopy/tents and brush down those grills because spring is here!

Here is a brief review of events that we attended last quarter, and some things that we are looking forward to "on the horizon."

On January 21, Lady Theresa and I attended the Kena Legion of Honor Installation of Officers, at the prestigious Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax, VA. The last time we were there, we were placed in "lockdown" because a former President (POTUS) was playing golf!

On this day, there were attendees from all over the Mid-Atlantic Shrine region, including MASA 2nd Lt. Cmdr Fred Olnick (Rajah) and Past MASA LOH Cmdr Brad Slinkard (Zembo) who were attending with their Ladies. Also in attendance, the Potentate of Kena Shriners (an LOH Member) III. TJ LaCava, and a large contingent of LOH Officers (see photo below). A good time was had by all!

On February 20, 2023 I participated in the George Washington Parade in Alexandria, VA. Held in George Washington's hometown, this is the largest parade of its kind in the world. Afterwards, more than 4,000 Freemasons attended the Masonic Centennial brick laying ceremony at the George Washington Memorial Temple. It was a beautiful and inspiring ceremony.

On March 11, 2023 we paraded the colors at the *St. Patrick's Day Parade* in Alexandria, VA. This event, hosted by the City of Alexandria and the *Ballyshaners Club*, is reputed to be the second largest St. Patrick's Parade on the east coast. Also on March 11, our unit participated in the Loyal Order of Water Buffalo degree, Eucalyptus Quarry No. 2. This event had great attendance with over 100 Nobles and Ladies, participating. This fun degree could be

held at any Shrine; contact me if you are interested in holding one, we can put you in touch with the details.

Lately, Lady Theresa and I have been working hard for the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. She was installed as High Priestess, Al Manarah Court on March 12th; we helped prepare that Installation luncheon and also the dinner for the Scottish Rite Alexandria on March 10th. We traveled to Khedive Shriners (Chesapeake) for the Zulekia Installation on March 19th.

On the horizon....

We are looking forward to the IALOH Convention, in Indian Rocks Beach, FL to be held April 26-29, 2023. Int'l Cmdr. Ginapp and Lady Jan have worked hard to provide an extraordinary convention. I hope you will come out and join us.

On April 1, 2023, Lady Theresa and I will be attending Kena Ceremonial and Potentate's Ball. This year's event is titled, The Fools Ball! Our Potentate, who is also an LOH member, rose out of the Klown Unit! You can expect some fun costume photos in my next newsletter article!

We are looking forward to the annual Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) LOH Spring Meeting & Installation of Officers to be held May 12-13, 2023 at the beautiful Rajah Temple in Reading, PA. RSVP now for this epic event.

On June 10, Lady Theresa and I will be attending "Italian Night and Meatball Mania" during which Kena will be holding a Loyal Order of the Turtle Degree. Meatball Mania is another family friendly event to broaden our audience.

I am looking forward to the annual South East Shrine Association (SESA)-LOH Convention and Change of Command to be held on August 10-13, in Pigeon Forge, TN. If you have never been to SESA, you should check it out.

We look forward to seeing you soon at a Shrine Center near you!

YITF, Geoffrey D. Lyster PP, PC, PMASAC

Division 7



Geoffrey Lyster, PP, PC



St. Patrick's Day Parade on Mar. 11; Alexandria, VA



Kena LOH Installation at Army Navy Country Club on Jan. 21; Fairfax, VA



Geo. Washington Parade, and Centennial, Feb. 20 Alexandria

Greeting Nobles and families,

Jennifer and I attended several installations this winter, the most notable being the India LoH installation on 14 Jan. It was a well attended event with Commander Ginapp, Eddie Daffern PP, PIC as well as Lt Commander McIntosh, just to name a few, in attendance. Thank you all for your support.

I participated with the India LOH in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Stockyard City Oklahoma. I do enjoy watching the Longhorn Cattle walking down the parade route and the sheer joy on the faces of all the young folks in attendance.

The weekend of the 25th of March is the Mid-Winter planning meeting for the CSSA convention in Omaha Nebraska. Jennifer and I will be in attendance and we hope to see many International Officers, CSSA officers and Unit Officers will be in attendance as well.

And of course, we will be attending the IALOH Annual Convention from 26 – 30 April 2023. I hope many of you will be able to join the fun and festivities at Indian Rocks Beach Florida. All the general information and registration forms can be found on our IALOH website, www.ialoh.org.

Doug Tayrien, Lt. Commander

Division 2



Doug Tayrien, PC









Top Left: India COC and Installation of Officers installed. Left to Right: Seated Eddie Daffern, PIC, Rick McDaniel Cmdr., Buddy Givens, Adj, 6th Lt. Cmdr. Doug Tayrien and Int'l. Cmdr. David Ginapp.

Top Right and Bottom Left: India at the St. Patrick's Day Parade Stockyard City, OK. Members: Left to Right: Joe McGraw, PC, Buddy Givens, PC, Rick McDaniel, Cmdr., Doug Tayrien, 6th Int'l. Lt. Cmdr., Bob Trobaugh

Temples With LOH Units

Aleppo Wilmington, MA Cairo Rutland, VT **Damascus** Webster, NY Ismailia Buffalo, NY Lewiston, ME Kora Melha Springfield, MA Philae Halifax, Canada Milford, CT **Pyramid** Rhode Island Cranston, RI **Sphinx** Newington, CT

Nobles this is my last newsletter as the acting 7th Lt. Commander. It has been an honor to serve as a Acting Lt. Commander and if I can be of any assistance in the future please let me know. My contact information is on page 15 of this newsletter.

YITF,

Tony Murray, PP, PIC

Division 8



Tony Murray, PP, PIC





Quartermaster Mike Kimbrell

Mike is retiring as the Quartermaster at the end of the IALOH convention in April 2023. Mike has been doing the Quartermaster job for twelve years and has done an outstanding job. Mike will be at the convention so please give Mike a great big *Thank You* for all his hard work over the years.

Lieutenant Commander Candidates



Dean Cook



Gerry Massey



Derek McNulty

We have three members running for Lt. Commander. Their candidate information is on the IALOH website. Candidate Information can be reached by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code.



Hello Fellow Veteran Shriners

It has been a busy past few months here in Division III. I have recently moved to Corpus Christi TX. I have affiliated with Al Amin Shrine.

I had the great honor to travel to Springfield MO. To see the change of command of Abou Ben Adhem Legion of Honor. The outgoing commander Dean Cook relinquished command to incoming commander Christopher Story. Dean Cook is now looking for a greater challenge as a candidate for IALOH progressive line. Good luck Dean.

Attended Texas Shrine Legion of Honor Association Mid - Winter

meeting in Fredericksburg TX. This event was very attended by international officers, along with Imperial Officers past and present. There were many activities, inline inspection and a golf tournament. With a field of one, I won the golf tournament. LOL.

Al Amin LOH has been very active attending parades in the Rio Grande Valley. I had the privilege of participating in the Charro Days Parade in Brownsville TX.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the International Convention in Florida in April.

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Division 3

Gene Peters, PC

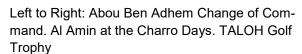














ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

CSSA August 31, 2023 **Regency Marriott** 10220 Regency Cir Omaha, NE 68114

February 29th - March 3rd, 2024 **Hotel the Orleans Meeting Place Masonic Memorial Temple**

PNSA Summer Meeting July 26 - 30, 2023 Spokane, WA **Hotel Information** will be posted at a later date.

MASA Spring Meeting May 12 - 13, 2023 Rajah Shrine Complex 221 Orchard Road Maidencreek, PA

Hotel Hampton Inn by Hilton 15080 Kutztown Road Kutztown, PA 19530

For more information about the meetings scan the QR Code or click on the link.



From the International Adjutant/Editor

Hi Everyone,

The annual convention is in April and there is still time to get your registration submitted. Commander David and Jan have a great time planned and it should be a lot of fun. It is in sunny Florida this time so bring your shorts, flip flops and sunscreen. You golfers don't forget your alligator repellent.

I am working on the yearbook for 2023-2024 and if you would like to submit an advertisement the form is on the IALOH website or let me know and I will mail the form to you. The cutoff for ad submission is May 15th,

Last year's trip to the Arlington Wreath Laying was a great success. 2nd Lt. Cmdr. David Hobbs arranged for a tomb guard guest speaker to tell us about their experience as a tomb guard. Their speech was very informative. This year we plan on having another great experience. Hope to see you there.

I attended the TALOH mid-winter convention and had a great time. Commander Paul Plourde did an outstanding job on his convention. At the convention we learned 3rd Lt. Commander Charles McIntosh had to resign due to health reasons. I wish him well and God Speed.

Also, please keep me informed of any changes to your Unit's contact information. This is very important so I can keep you informed of any IALOH information.

That is all for now. Until next time, aim high.

YITF, David Smith, PC



David Smith. PC

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Arlington 2023

We will have a new hotel for the 2023 Arlington wreath laying. The Crown Plaza Crystal River—Washington DC. 1480 Crystal Dr, Arlington, VA 22202 Keep checking the IALOH website. More information will be posted when available



The Crowne Plaza Crystal City- Washington D.C. is just one mile from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Take advantage of our complimentary shuttle from the airport to the hotel and our location, which is just four miles from the National Mall.

The Crystal City Metro Station provides easy access to Washington D.C. Visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, or one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums, including the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

All of our guest rooms have complimentary WiFi, flat screen TVs, satellite or cable channels, and ergonomic work desks. Take advantage of our well-equipped fitness center or dine in one of our two onsite restaurants. We look forward to welcoming you to the Crowne Plaza during your next stay!

Around the Legion of Honor











Top Left: Past TALOH Commanders - Back Row - Charles McIntosh, Jim Hollis, Charles Lee, Richard Villareal, James Farless. - Front Row - Gilbert Medina, Jim Fox, Eddie Daffern, Paul Davis, Paul Plourde.

Top Right: 2nd Lt. Commander David Hobbs at the Ismailia Change of Command.

Middle Left: International Officers with Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett and new TALOH Commander Fred Maynard.

Bottom Left: International Officer Left to Right - Int'l. Adjutant David Smith, 8th Lt. Cmdr. Gene Peters, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. David Hobbs, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Russell Gray and Commander David Ginapp.

Around the Legion of Honor





Learn what is happening in the VA by going to the VA News website. On the site it has a Veteran of the day. Where it does a story about specific veteran. Click on the link or scan the QR code or information.

VA News and Information



Patriotism Chairman Mike Kearns

Legionaries if your Unit performs Patriotic act(s) such as carrying the flags in a parade, posting the colors for events please let me know. I report these activities at the convention and it is a great way to get your Unit recognized. My contact information is on page 15 of this news letter.

Egypt Change of Command

Top Left: COC from Moises Rosado to Cliff Lang.

Middle: Int'l. Commander David Ginapp giving Egypt Officers the oath of office.

Bottom Right: Egypt Officers and Int'l. Officers. Left to Right Back Row - Jack Kempster, Cliff Lang, Tom Clark, Tom Griffiths, Horatio Johnson. Front Row - Left to Right: Potentate Dennis Bryant, Commander David Ginapp, 2nd Lt. Commander David Hobbs, and Int'l. Adjutant David Smith





Top: CSSA Mid-Winter Meeting - Left to Right: Tom Hodges, Kaaba, IALOH Lt. Cmdr. Doug Tayrien, India, Buddy Givens, India, Sam Burnett, Kaaba, Jeremy Martin, Tangier, Freddie Clopton, Tangier, Rich Watson, Arab, Steve Suchsland, Arab, Brian Huff, Kaaba, Brian Bender, Arab

Middle Left: Arab Honor Guard - Left to Right: Bill Scott, Rich Watson, David Tillotson, Todd Starin, Brian Bender, Ed White. Middle Right: Honor Guard Posting Colors at the Arab circus.

Bottom Left: LOH Members and Ladies selling toys at the Arab circus. Left to Right: Kaden O'Mara, Steve Suchsland, Kevin Umscheid, Rich Watson, Robbie Vrbas, Gilbert Weismann, Brian Bender, Jennifer O'Mara, Larry Polter, Shannon Davis, and Georgie Bender.

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