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**International Association Legions of Honor
93rd annual Convention
Aliante Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV
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I am humbled that the Nobility of this outstanding organization has entrusted me to serve as your Commander for this year. The Gray family is looking forward to traveling around the country and visiting with many of you, especially during the Annual Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery, from November 1 – 5, 2023. This is an event everyone should experience at least once. Once you do, you will be back again and again.

My vision for the upcoming year is to do whatever is necessary to see that this organization continues to flourish and support our units and each other. I'd like to find ways to revitalize units that have gone dark and think outside the box to help our Associations that are trying to revitalize themselves. Let's look at every possibility for Legion of Honor Units to have a greater presence within their Masonic communities, Shrine Temples and Associations. Finally, I'd like to see us enhance the camaraderie within our active units, recreate that sense of belonging and esprit de corps we may have lost along the way.

I sincerely hope you will come celebrate with us in Las Vegas for the 93rd Annual Convention, at the 4-Diamond Aliante Hotel, Casino, and Spa. This clean and inviting neighborhood hotel/casino is in North Las Vegas. The negotiated room rate is under \$150 per night for the four convention nights and that rate is available 3 days prior to and after the convention if you want to come early or stay late to visit the area attractions. You can easily use Aliante as your home base to tour Freemont Street, the Strip, Hoover Dam, Nellis AFB, Red Rock Canyon, Death Valley or Valley of Fire State Park. You could even take a helicopter tour into the Grand Canyon as a day trip.

There are several options for dining within the property from the elegant MRKT, to the causal FARM and a food court if you prefer. They have Regal Stadium 16 and IMAX Theaters, and the Re:lux Spa is AWESOME!! Oh yeah, and they have slots, craps, roulette, blackjack and a complete Sports Book. It is a full-on Las Vegas Casino.

Aliante has 202 rooms/suites, and I challenge you to attend and have the Legions of Honor take up every room to make this hotel all ours for the duration of the convention. It has been 20 years since the IALOH held a convention in Las Vegas. Just enough time for them to forget anything we did last time...

Fraternally yours in fun,

Russ Gray