



# Now Hear This...



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### From the Commander's Desk...

Greetings Legion Nobles & Ladies,

Summer goes by way too fast. Of course, it's not surprising, since time flies when you're having fun and summer is the exciting season of all.

This summer, July 2016, the Arlington Housing Chairman Bill Chicky & Lady Jeannette and Nelda & I drove our RV Fifth Wheel trailers for twenty-three days from Texas to Tampa, FL., Ashland, KY. and home. We attended the Imperial Session where the IALOH had a Fraternity Booth in the market area. Thanks to International Chief of Staff Jim Fox & Lady Maureen for helping manned and set-up the booth. During the booth hours of operation, IALOH Lt. Commanders & their Chief of Staffs, and Legion Nobles manned the Fraternity Booth. We had a wonderful time manning the IALOH Booth. I would like to compliment everyone who worked the Fraternity Booth; it was a huge success, thank you for all you do for IALOH. Also, I thank all the Legion of Honor Nobles who stop at the IALOH Fraternity Booth and met with us.

The IALOH 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Morris Sykes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Illustrious Sir Ray Combs have reserved a Fraternity Booth for next two years of Imperial Session 2017/18.

After attending the Imperial Session 2016, we drove to El Hasa Shrine Ashland, KY. for the One Stone and Military Ball. Approximately, eight of us & our Ladies from Texas attended One Stone and Military Ball activities. TALOH Commander Mike Dosier & Lady Linda, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cmdr Arvid Bergman & Lady Barbara and Int'l Chief of Staff Jim Fox & Maureen were in attendance. Thanks to El Hasa Potentate Illustrious Sir Bob Pigman & Lady Ruby & Divan and Asst. Rabban Woody Mitchell & Lady Katrine for their great hospitality. They made us feel at home.

In August 2016, we had the honor of attending several Association Legions of Honor Conventions at GLSA, SESA, and CSSA. August 11 – 14, 2016, we (Nelda & I and Jim Fox & Lady Maureen) were honored to



**Gilbert Medina**

attend GLSA Convention. My special thanks to you (Doc Murray) and your team for the wonderful job you did on the GLSA Convention. My sincere congratulations, great camaraderie, the food was superb and had a fabulous time.

In August 17 – 19, 2016, We traveled to Warner Robins, GA to attend SESA Legion of Honor Convention. My special thanks to you (Lt. Cmdr. John Robert Smith & Lady Anita) and your team for the wonderful job you did on the SESA Legion of Honor Convention. Your dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kind hospitality. We enjoyed meeting and talking to everyone. Specially, Illustrious Sir Mike Autry.

In August 24 – 26, 2016, We traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas attended CSSA Legion of Honor Convention. Int'l Chief of Staff Jim Fox & Lady Maureen, Asst. Chief of Staff Arvid Bergman & Lady Barbara and Lady Nelda & I attended CSSA Legion of Honor Convention.

Congratulations to CSSA Commander Darold Farless on his new year. On behalf of International Association Legions of Honor, we want to express our appreciation for inviting us to CSSA Legion of Honor Convention. We enjoyed being with you and your staff; Thanks for the warm hospitality, great food and camaraderie. Thank you for the time and work you gave during so many years you served with TALOH and CSSA. We look forward on working together.

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...*

**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.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

Well, it time for the IALOH Quarterly Newsletter, which is just another way the International stays in touch with all the Legion of Honor Units that have sent in their Annual Report and paid their dues for 2016 .

While you are reading this it is time to pack your suitcase and get your transportation ready to travel to Arlington for the Annual Laying of the Wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown. This year the program starts at Thursday noon, November 3, and the Wreath Laying is on Saturday, November 5. Details can be found on ialoh.org. The International provides the setting for three days of fellowship. There'll be food, liquor, Memorial Service, transportation to the Tomb and a Thanksgiving dinner, all for a small fee. This is another service IALOH provides for your \$2 membership .

This quarter started off with a meeting on the Sunday preceding the Imperial Session at Tampa, Florida. This was the first time the IALOH had a booth at Imperial and Commander Gilbert Medina with his COS and Texans did a **First Class Job**. While there I made a deposit on the 2017 Commanders Booth in Daytona, Florida for the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017 at Imperial. In 2018, the Imperial will also be in Daytona and Ray Combs will be Commander. I also made a deposit for a booth at that Imperial.

Next, it is off to Ashland, Kentucky for the One Stone party and El Hasa Military Ball. It has been an outstanding program by Past Commander Woody Mitchel for years. I wouldn't miss it for anything.

One of the many things that the Five Shrines in Kansas does is have an East West Shrine Bowl for high school kids. Boys and girls come from all over the state to play football, be in cheerleading squads, and march in the Kansas Masonic Band for youth at half-time. The game is preceded by a banquet on Friday night, with an Imperial Officer speaking. This year it was Imperial Potentate Chris Smith. Also in attendance were all five Potentates and Imperial officers Ed Stolze Jr and our own Jeffery Sowder.

August was my eighth trip to the PNSA Convention in Billings, Montana as an IALOH Officer. This is one of my favorite trips as it is in the Rocky Moun-

tains. Dwaine "Sarge" Selk is always there and getting flags lined up for the parade. He has been working on the Potentates at Al Bedoo Shrine for years to get a Legion of Honor started and he succeeded this year. I was proud to join him in presenting the Charter to Commander Robert W. Donaldson who is also an Oriental Guide. Then I proceeded with the installation of the Unit Officers, with the Imperial Potentate Chris L. Smith and Gary J. Bergenske being present. Next year the PNSA will be in Seattle, Washington at Nile Shrine. August was a busy month for all the IALOH Officers. There was the SESA LOH Convention in Warren Robbins, Georgia for retiring Commander John Robert Smith who is also IALOH 8<sup>th</sup> Lt. Commander. James T. House was installed as Commander by installing Commander Al Gonzalez and Commander Gilbert Medina as Marshall.

Then while travelling across the country Suzette and I stopped at Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Elvis Presley's Graceland Museum and the William J. Clinton Presidential Library before arriving at the CSSA Convention

The CSSA LOH holds their Convention on Thursday. Retiring this year is none other than David Kinzie, a Past Commander of Abdullah Shrine and now a member of Arab Shrine LOH. The new Commander is Darold W. Farless from Abou Ben Adhem.

My last trip for the Quarter was down to Corpus Christi, Texas to the IALOH Officer Social to view what Commander Gilbert G. Medina has set up for the IALOH Convention in April 2017. One of the highlights will be the Welcome Party on the USS Lexington Air Craft Carrier with a big band orchestra. There is no time like now to put it on your calendar.

Now is also the time to get out and vote for **Commander in Chief and President of United States of America**.

Yours in the Faith,  
Morris Sykes  
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## Division One



Morris Sykes

*"Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm... As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others."*

*Audrey Hepburn*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

### Division Two

July at the Imperial started out the month. It was a great Imperial with a lot of business being discussed and approved. The IALOH had a booth at the Market Place and it was a success. A lot of our Legion of Honor units stopped by and that was really great. We talked to a few and gave them instructions on starting a unit within their own temple. The IALOH will have the same booth for the next two years so please stop by, if you are at the Convention, and sign in and visit with us for a while. We are always proud to see you and talk with you all.

The IALOH Officers made a visit to Egypt Shrine LOH and enjoyed the evening fun and fellowship. We also assisted them in doing a one stone degree for Egypt LOH and they greatly appreciated us doing so for them.

El Hasa was our next trip where we attended the Military Ball with Commander Donald J. M. McBrayer and his Officers. Dinner, dancing, punch bowl ceremony, man what an evening. It is one of my favorite events for the year really, so much to do and fun the whole weekend.

Well, I have to tell you we bought a car this month, 1960 Thunderbird, 39,000 actual miles. Man is she a Beauty!! Can't wait to clean it up, new tires, brakes and rock and roll baby!!!! Pat's new toy.

August we started off with attending the GLSA LOH Annual Meeting, home of: "The

She is the little girl in the Shriners International logo. Commander Mike Murray, our own 6<sup>th</sup> Lt Commander IALOH, had a great convention and one of the best I've been to. Congratulations Commander Murry for an excellent convention.

Mid-August, Lady Pat and I attended the SESA LOH convention in Warner Robins Ga. Commander John Robert Smith, our 8<sup>th</sup> IALOH, Lt Commander, had a successful meeting and I was pleased by the International Officers attendance.

A Great job by one and all. It was a pleasure for me to return to the base where I have spent a FEW trips to. If you have not been to the Museum there, I suggest you do. Very, very nice. Brought back so many fond memories of my military career!

A Surprise Birthday Party planned for me, caught me off guard. I truly was surprised and I thank everyone for being there, at home and at Corpus Christi. Two parties for the ole man, I loved it!!!

Well our Corpus Christy Mid-Winter meeting was a huge success, thanks to Commander Gilbert Medina for setting things up and making it not only informative but enjoyable.

Meeting dynamics kept us on schedule and gave us time to cover all the agenda items as well as time to do a little trip to the USS Lexington. USS Lexington will reappear again next year; get ready for a big finish.



**Ray Combs**

Speaking of Lexington, next year the Lexington Shrine Hospital will have their Grand Opening of the new hospital. It is scheduled for 21 May which is a Sunday. Time is not set yet but the date is firm. You can follow this on the Facebook or Shrine web page. I will repost when I find out the set time.

Ray Combs, P.P.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Cmdr, IALOH

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

### Division Three

Greetings all!

We started July at Imperial in Tampa, FL. For the first time, IALOH had a booth in the vendor's area. It went quite well, as we had a large number of people stopping by to visit. We are planning another booth next year at Imperial and will be implementing some of the lessons learned to enhance our membership drive and to educate Temple Divans as to why they need an LOH unit.

From there, we attended El Hasa's Military Ball. If you haven't attended, you are missing out on a great time. I'm not going to take up much space with names of people who were responsible for this event or the other events I mention later because I know the other Lt. Commanders will give you more details. I want to write about something else I feel is important that may take up a lot of space.

In August, Lady Shari and I attended GLSA in Evansville, IN. From there, we traveled to Warner Robbins, GA for SESA and later in August we traveled to Little Rock, AK for CSSA. In September, we travelled to Myrtle Beach, SC for SASA. In each place, I can tell you, we had a great time.

In September, we traveled to Corpus Christi for a Board meeting, which was very informative. We had a chance to go aboard the USS Lexington to see what we will have at our disposable during the Welcome Party,

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**Eddie Daffern**

## 3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

## Division Three

on the ship, at the IALOH Convention next year. Nobles and Ladies, you don't want to miss this! Also, begin getting your teams ready for competition. We would like to have, at least, all the teams from Texas in competition along with all the others who will be coming.

What I want to spend some space on is: "What does IALOH do for my unit?" On occasion, someone will ask this question and, in my opinion, there are many things IALOH does, but has never been put in print. I will put them in numerical order, but not necessarily in order of importance.

1. The Insignia or Medallion was registered with the U. S. Patent Office and received the Patent on August 19, 1978. This was to protect the emblem and to make it available to all member units as a "recognizable emblem" for all LOH units in the USA, and now internationally. This protection assures all LOH units that the manufacturers of the emblem have been vetted and that the production is in accordance with the correct dimensions and colors. These manufacturers pay an annual fee to IALOH. This includes embroidery if it is to be done on a large scale and made to sell. This is under the control of the Finance Officer, Pete Phillips.
2. For 34 years, IALOH has provided for all LOH units and guests to attend the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony. The Necrology Service is held Saturday morning before we go to the Cemetery. Usually, a combined Color Guard from the Washington, D. C. area and members of the Army's Fife and Drum Corps participate. The price has always been kept to a minimum so it is affordable to everyone. It is a great way to meet new people and to meet old friends during the three day event.
3. IALOH also provides a yearly National Convention. It is held in different cities each year and is another opportunity to visit with old friends and to make new friends. At this convention, it is an opportunity for your team to compete and take home another trophy.
4. IALOH maintains a website. Your units and regional associations are encouraged to send in officer's names and events to be posted for everyone to see. We have had links to Temple LOH unit's websites, but they have sadly fallen by the wayside. It is also difficult to get the Temple Associations LOH units to provide their officer's names and the dates of their meetings. The website is a treasure trove of information, but it hasn't been kept current and we are working to fix that and to make it more relevant to the individual members and LOH units. This includes having a Quartermaster page with pictures of all items we have for sale and a way to pay with a credit card. We are looking at more ways to make it even more relevant.
5. The Commander and the Lt. Commanders are always ready to attend your functions, if invited, to show support for your unit. We need to know well in advance to know who can be there and to get it in our schedule. We welcome the opportunity to install your officers and to meet with your Divans. Sharing information is also one way to help each other in recruiting new members.
6. The dues are kept low for a reason. We want all LOH units to be members. The \$2.00 is for each and every member whether active or honorary with the exception of the Potentate who is a member of every unit the year he is Potentate. As you know the minimum is \$30.00 and I know of one unit where there was only one member for several years and he paid the \$30.00. It took time and a lot of work, but they now have about 25 members.
7. The IALOH prints a Newsletter four times a year to keep you informed. It is sent to the Adjutant of each member unit without charge. Any member may have it sent to his home with a \$10.00 subscription fee. It's rare we get an article from a LOH unit or LOH Association, but your articles would be a welcome addition. These are just seven things that IALOH does for you. The question I like to ask is what does your local LOH Association do for you? What does your Temple do for you? I have found that the organizations, in themselves, do not do anything for you. They provide opportunities for you to participate in and enjoy. It was told to me once that you only get out of the organization what you put in. So if you want to participate and have fun, you have to go to the events provided whether it is your Temple, Association, or IALOH.

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



## 4<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

### Division Four

I have just returned from Kingsport TN from the Funeral of Brother Ray Coffee. Ray was the IALOH Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony Housing Chairman for many years. He loved the job and was greatly appreciated. The Jericho LOH Unit and Ray's Masonic Lodge were there in full force. His Lodge conducted a Masonic Service after the Viewing.

Imperial Session was held in Tampa FL. We set up and promoted an information booth. It was well received and will continue. All Officers took shifts manning it. My Chief of Staff Bill Allen and I had the privilege of the first shift. From FL we traveled to Kingsport TN for a 50th Birthday Party Pig Roast in the Smoky Mountains! One of my Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Norm Scott was the Birthday boy. He does this every year but turning 50 is a milestone (around his neck). The only reason we were able to find his hideaway in the woods is that after the 3rd time around, my lady noticed a little green sheet of paper with an arrow drawn on it and the word "pig". We really had a nice time. Happy Birthday Norm.

El Hasa's Military Ball, Ashland KY was next. They conducted a Change of Command, One Stone, Runoff, and Punchbowl Ceremony. We had a wonderful time as always.

On to Topeka and the KS Shrine Bowl in Emporia KS. We had to leave abruptly as my lady didn't feel well. Anymore, going to Topeka is like going on a short vacation.

GLSA Evansville IN was next..it was nice to be in our home state. 5th Lt. Cdr. Mike Murray was the outgoing Cdr. With his exceptional crew, he put on an excellent meeting. One of our activities there was a Casino Night. I didn't win any money but I won a free night in their Hotel with the option of a 2nd night for \$39.00.

The next day Laurie won a free night...so, 3 additional nights for \$39.00 was a great deal. Staying over an extra 3 nights in Indiana...put us on the road to Warner Robbins GA for SESA a little closer to it's appointed time. John Robert Smith was the outgoing Cdr. I had the pleasure to install Jim House, my good friend. John Robert and Anita had a fun Hospitality room with a Hawaiian Luau theme.

We all had a good time. Jim Marshall went in as 3rd Lt. Cdr. I would have to say that SESA is in good shape for the near future.

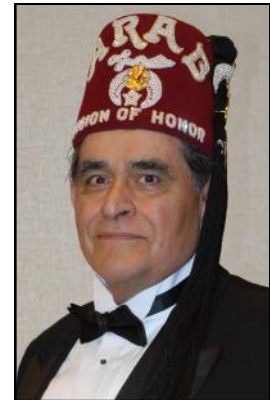
We left Evansville IN and tailgated with the Medina's and Foxes. On our way to Little Rock AR for the CSSA meeting, we all stopped at Tunica MS for the night. I wish I had Nelda's win luck. I lost \$5.00 in the Wonder Woman machine. At CSSA, David Kinzie was the outgoing Cdr. My good friend and Personal Aide, Darold Farless of Abou Ben Adhem went in as Cdr. IALOH 3rd Lt. Cdr. Eddie Daffern installed and Cdr. Gilbert Medina was the Installing Marshall. It was a special honor to have this trio together as they are all past TALOH Cdrs. Darold is the first to be Cdr. of both. I also experienced a special honor that night. Cdr. Farless, in his 1st act of business as the new Cdr. Informed me that I had reached the status of Kentucky Colonel.

Our presence was needed at SASA, Myrtle Beach SC so, off we went. I've been coming to SASA since 2008. There are 19 different Temples that come to this event. Not all have LOH Units with them. I make it a practice to go to all the Hotels looking for them. During this time, I introduce myself to the Potentates and Divan members with invitations to attend the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony in November and other IALOH functions. I have paraded each year with the Jericho LOH Unit. I really enjoy this event and the Myrtle Beach area.

Thirteen miles later, we found ourselves In Corpus Christi TX for the Annual IALOH Officer's Meeting. Cdr. Medina will be holding his Convention here. It's beautiful, on the Bay. His Welcome Party will be held on the USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier.

We are currently in North Carolina where we lived through our 1st Hurricane "Matthew". We are making final preparations for Arlington as this year, I am the Chairman. The old saying goes "Come on down" or up..whatever! When we leave Arlington, we'll have a couple Birthdays to celebrate, Thanksgiving, and Christmas not to mention a 46th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to all the newly elected and installed Officers in this quarter.

It's an honor to be in the Legion of Honor.



**Al Gonzalez**

IALOH 4th Lt. Cdr. Al Gonzalez



It is with great sadness the IALOH and Jericho Shrine announces that on 10/11/16 we lost Brother Raymond Coffey. He was the IALOH Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony Housing Chairman for over 20 years. Words are never adequate in moments like these. Our hearts go out to Noble Ray's family. We will always remember the joyous memories that we were privileged to have. A masonic Ceremony was held at the funeral home by his Masonic Lodge, in Kingsport, TN. He will greatly be missed. Brother Ray enjoyed his job as the Arlington Wreath Laying Housing Chairman. There was never a problem that came up which he couldn't work out and always tried as hard as he could to be accommodating with nobles' requests. You will be missed Brother Ray.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings from Hadi Shriners and Evansville, Indiana:

The segment of my Legions of Honors duties with the Great Lakes Shrine Association is concluded with the possible exception of giving advice. My staff and I learned a lot in these past years. It is a great experience and I believe that I speak for all of us that we appreciated the opportunity to serve.

We have new problems in dealing with conventions in this age. First, we have to deal with lower numbers of attendees which means less capital to plan and execute the event. We, of course, do what we can with what we have on hand. There is much talk of recruiting for the LOH and hopefully this will become a reality.

Second, the contract with the hotel must be very clear. All of us like to trust others but when it comes to contracting, I'd advise otherwise. There is just too much at stake. Contingency budgets for conventions do not exist. If the event goes in the red, the commander and/or the local unit will be left with the burden of debt. It's not personal, it's business!

Third, an integral part of any convention is our ladies. In Hadi Shriners, we have the Hadi LOH ladies. They were the central driving force in the hospitality room and many other functions. So, in short, don't forget your ladies.

We give thanks to all that attended the 2016 Great Lakes Shrine Association-Legions of Honor convention in Evansville. There was much joy in serving you and we hope to see you all again in the future.

Army Strong!

Mike "Doc" Murray

## Division Five



**Mike Murray**

## 7<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

### Division Seven

My Lady Leighanne and I hope all of our LOH family is having a grand summer with family and friends. I have to admit it has been an uneventful, but again a challenging time for us. Leighanne is very busy with teaching her piano students (at their homes) while I keep the home kept up.

As you all know, our Division that we have, has units that encompasses Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii and British Columbia. So the visitation to all is very monumental as you can imagine. What I do ask of you all, is if there is an event of any nature that you would like me to attend, please send me the info and I shall try to accommodate.

As the outgoing Cmdr of my unit at Al Bahr, I had the honor leading our Memorial Day Service on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Each year this is a special ceremony for us and our Temple.

June 25<sup>th</sup> was our LOH Stated monthly meeting which was attending by 12 Nobles and 10 Ladies.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> we traveled to Tampa FL for Imperial Session along with the Cmdr his Lady and all Eight Lt Cmdr's and their Ladies. This was more than interesting this year as IALOH had their own booth in the Marketplace. We met and visited with many Legionnaires and discussed those things happening with the Units. A booth for the next two years has been arranged and again IALOH will be answering questions and greeting fellow LOH members. Plan this weekend for next year for at least a day or two and you'll be glad you did.

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> we traveled to Corpus Christi, TX for the Officers Retreat (which we just back from yesterday). What a beautiful area and the local accommodations and people where top notch. This brings me to next April for the annual IALOH Convention in Corpus Christi, which will at the same hotel (Holiday Inn) we just visited. If you do not have the conventions does yet, go to [ialoh.org](http://ialoh.org) and download for remittance. We hope to see you there.

Be safe in your travels,



Steven C. Walker

## Annual Report Data

Dear Nobles,

The forms for the 2017 Data Call were sent along with copies of the 2017-2018 Yearbook ad forms. The most important form is the 2017 Annual Report. This form serves as a reminder about your Unit's annual Association dues and also provides us with contact information for your Unit as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of your 2017 officers.

The Annual Convention is in April again next year, so the Delegate Nominations form and the Necrology Report need to be returned by 01 March 2017. For your convenience, all the forms can be returned to me at the same time. As an additional option, these Annual data call forms are available through the IALOH web site at [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org). The forms can be filled in on-line and then printed for submission. Unfortunately there is not yet a way to submit the forms electronically.

Your Unit's Association dues remain \$2.00 per Unit member as of 31 December of the preceding year (which is 31 Dec 2016 for 2017 dues) and the only exceptions to the aforementioned dues will be those members holding Honorary Memberships within a unit. Remember, for those units with 15 or fewer members, there is a dues minimum of \$30.00. This minimum was set to just cover the expenses of the yearbook and newsletters.

Additional guidance on the remaining forms:

**Delegate Nominations** - All voting members from each Unit at the Annual Convention in O'Fallon, IL, must be registered and each member's name should only be entered in one category.

**Necrology Report** - This report is used for the Memorial Service and to update Association records.

**Yearbook Ad forms** – You may notice that we have been able to maintain last year's price for the yearbook ads. Please make copies of these forms and make them available to your membership. A yearbook ad is a great way for your Unit and your members to show their support for the entire Legion of Honor. You could also remind them that every advertiser gets a copy of the yearbook. Thanks to you all for your continued help and support!

Kindest Regards, Kevin Fox International Adjutant

**Please Note:** If you are no longer the Commander or Adjutant or the person who will be submitting the reports for 2017, could you please make sure that the proper person receives this letter and the forms.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Message

### Division eight

Greeting Nobles. The year is passing fast as we are entering into the 2nd half of the year. My year as Commander of the SouthEastern Shrine LOH is over. We had our hospitality room and banquet of 115 people present from the 17th through the 20th of Aug. I had 36 rooms booked in our hotel and 8 more rooms in another hotel plus the members of Al Sihah LOH. We had 3 Temples compete in the inline and inspection. International Commander Gilbert Medina and 3rd Lt. Commander Eddie Daffren were our parade judges. Needless to say Yaarab came in 3rd in marching. The International LOH was well represented with 7 International officers and 4 Past IALOH Commanders present. Bill Glenn PIC was the MC and didn't need a microphone and did a great job. There was plenty of food and drinks for the 3 days. Jim House, was elected as the new SESALOH Commander for 2016-17.. I am sure that Jim will do a great Job. Jim is also one of my IALOH Personal aids.

Our next trip on the agenda is, to Corpus Christi Tx. for the IALOH officers business meeting the 20th through the 22nd of September. This is about a two day driving trip with at least one overnight stay on the road. The last time we made the trip down to The Valley, Morris was running for 8th Lt. Commander and Gilbert was the new 8th Lt. Commander on the line. Looking forward to see everyone there.

The 1st of November we will be heading out to Arlington for the annual Wreath Laying at the Tombs. We have about 8 or 10 nobles from Yaarab Temple planning to attend.

I have been in contact with Bektash temple in regard to delinquent dues and should have a response by Sept 20th from the Commander. Many of our temples are losing nobles and the LOH units are starting to suffer badly. In my division I have one unit that has been delinquent for about 4 years. I talked to the Potentate from Mt. Sinah #3 at the Imperial and that LOH unit will be paying reinstatement of \$100.00 plus current year's dues and reactivating their unit. Welcome back Mt. Sinah #3, New Hampshire. Have a safe trip to Corpus Christi.

YITF John Robert Smith  
8th.Lt. Commander



**John Robert Smith**

## Adjutant's Message

These last few months have flown by and the annual wreath laying at Arlington will soon be upon us. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. The IALOH Yearbook is out. I apologize for the delay, but I have been dealing with a few health issues. The yearbook has a new look this year. I was talking with our Emeritus Adjutant Ron Lee and told him I wanted to do something different this year, and that I wanted to do a cover we haven't done before. He had mentioned about doing camouflage. I thought that would be perfect. It turned out nice and I have been getting emails from many nobles stating that they liked it. Thanks Ron for your suggestion. The Annual Reports are out, so the LOH units should have or should be in the process of receiving them. Please let me know if your unit has not received them. Along with the reports I have added yearbook ad applications.

Aside from the income from your annual dues, the primary source of income for the Association comes from our Units' and members' support through ads in the annual yearbook and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

I haven't received any applications from any Noble to run for the IALOH line. So if you know a noble who would like to put their fez in the ring please encourage them to do so. Please get your paperwork into me as soon as possible if you are interested in running.

Yours in the faith,  
Kevin Fox



**Kevin Fox**

**Deadline for the  
January  
Newsletter  
is  
30 December**



# International Association Legions of Honor

## Yearbook Advertisement Agreement

### 2017-2018

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 Holiday Inn Downtown Marina  
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 April 19 – 23, 2017



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices held Past/Present: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Offices held Past/Present: \_\_\_\_\_

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Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Car: ☐ Other: ☐

Air: ☐ Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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to strive for an increase in  
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between our Legion of Honor Units  
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