



India Shriners



3601 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

John C. Thompson-Illustrious Potentate

IndiaShriners@coxinet.net
(405) 947-3311

January 27, 2020

Dear Brother Nobles of the International Association Legions of Honor (IALOH).

I am truly excited and very proud to learn that a Noble at India Shrine is running for a position as an Intl. Lieutenant Commander in the prestigious International Association Legions of Honor. Noble Douglas B. Tayrien has the talent, experience and devotion to duty which will make him an outstanding Intl. Lt. Commander in the IALOH line of officers. His broad military and federal government experience has given him the unique benefit of having affiliated and served in multiple Masonic organizations throughout the country. Although Noble Doug is relatively new to India Shrine, he has already jumped in to a leadership position as the 1st Lt. Commander of the India Legion of Honor. His Masonic experience and leadership credentials are very extensive.

Noble Doug Tayrien was raised a Master Mason in Long Beach California Lodge #327 in September 1992. He became a 32 Scottish Rite Mason in Long Beach and was appointed the Chairman of the Long Beach Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Foundation by the S.G.I.G. Doug's work eventually moved him to Maryland where he affiliated with the Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter #25, where he is a Past High Priest and Harmony Council #20 where he is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master and affiliated with Palestine Commandery #7. He is a Past President of the Patuxent Chapter #522 of the National Sojourners and member of the Camp Otho Holland Williams, Heroes of '76. Doug joined the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Annapolis Forest #126 where he served as Grand Tall Cedar. He was an officer in the Maryland Council of Anointed High Priest. He was also invited to join the Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis where he was elevated to Grade VIII for his exemplary work in the order. His work again moved him out to California where he affiliated with the El Segundo Lodge #421 where he is a Past Master and the Long Beach York Rite College #150 becoming Governor in 2009. Doug was also invited in to the Red Cross of Constantine order in 2009. After another move to work at the Pentagon, he affiliated with Kena Shrine and became the Commander of the Kena Legion of Honor in 2016 and was also elected President of the Past Masters Club at Kena.

Mike Currie
Chief Rabban

Michael Ray
Assistant Rabban

Calvin Gamble
High Priest & Prophet

Dennis Schoors
Oriental Guide

Fred Austin P.P.
Treasurer

Gene McKelvey
Recorder

He is a Past President of the Belmont Shore Lions Club, a member of the American Legion, Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in which he has held many significant leadership positions.

Doug has spent over 34 years with the Federal government to include 11 years of active duty service in the Air Force. He has been a program manager on several major programs with the Navy, NASA and the Air Force. To my great satisfaction, Doug accepted a position at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City as a senior program manager and affiliated with the India Shrine Center.

As Potentate of India Shrine I absolutely support and approve the nomination of Noble Douglas Tayrien for an Intl. Lieutenant Commander position in the IALOH line.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Thompson".

John Thompson

Illustrious Potentate