INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR







April 2021

International Association Legions of Honor Noble of the Year Recipient





2020 Recipient Noble James (Jim) Hollis Past Chief of Staff Presenter – Eddie Daffern, PP, PIC



Jim Hollis. PC, PSC has been awarded the Noble of the Year for 2020. As you all know, we had to cancel the International Convention in Amarillo, TX in 2020 because of the pandemic and I could not present the Certificate to him at that time. I, along with Imperial Sir Jim Smith, was able to present this Certificate to Jim at a Ben Hur function on November 22, 2020.

Jim Hollis is not only my best friend and Chief of Staff, but he has long been an active supporter of the Legion of Honor. He helped organize the unit in Ben Hur Shrine in 1995 and he and I are the only two Charter Members left in the unit. Jim has been Commander many times and, is the

current Commander. He was my Chief of Staff when I was Commander of the Texas Association Legions of Honor in 2006. Jim was the Commander of the Texas Association Legions of Honor in 2011 and I was his Chief of Staff. He became my International Chief of Staff when I was elected to the International Association Legions of Honor in 2011. He and Barbara traveled with us a lot, all around the country, and to many units and Associations. He was instrumental in helping organize seven new units in my territory and in taking on a big role when we hosted Arlington. Jim has always been active in Ben Hur and is a Past Master of his Lodge. In addition to his Shrine and Masonic work, he was President of the Hays County Emergency Services District No.1 for over 20 years and just retired this year. He is also a Past Mayor of Buda, where he and Barbara have lived for well over 30 years. In addition to all that, he continues to be an active Real Estate Agent. In other words, he stays busy! Most importantly, he made time to be my Chief of Staff and served me and the International Association Legions of Honor with dignity and grace. Thank you Jim and Barbara!

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Commander's Call

Greeting Legion Nobles!

As I sit down to write this newsletter article, I have mixed emotions. I'm deeply honored that you entrusted the IALOH to my care and hope I did right by you and met with your expectations. But I had higher hopes for the year, and we all know how that turned out. The Supreme Architect had different plans for all of us. Some within our ranks contracted COVID but made it through with minimal effects, others were not as fortunate. We lost friends, family members, and comrades through this pandemic, but I know and pray that as a Fraternity, we will come out stronger.

I also hoped that when I wrote this letter I would be reflecting on all the great events I attended, lamenting on the new friends made along the way. I did get to travel a little, and look forward to TALOH later this month, but it was not as I hoped. There were several new friends made along the way such as Jesse and Sara Allen, along with their daughter Ellie Anna from Yarrab LOH and Kevin "Mac" McKenzie from Amran LOH. Both these men are the future of the LOH and will be a great asset to the fraternity. These are just a couple, and there were more. And of course, sharing in fellowship with some old friends is always a pleasure. Zoom meetings helped to connect, but it's never as good as the feeling of shaking a hand or extending a hug. To each one of you, thank you for your hospitality and friendship.

I have announced to the IALOH Board of Directors that I will step down as Commander on midnight, May 1st, 2021 to allow 1st Lt. Commander Steve Walker to take the reigns of this organization. I ask you to support him and his officers just as you supported me throughout the year, I know you will.

Lady Janet and I look forward to seeing each of you soon in the coming months. The IALOH Arlington Pilgrimage is a go and it looks like we'll be able to start meeting once again. I know 5th Lt. Commander Wayne Angstrom is working hard to ensure a successful event and has my full support in any way he needs it. I'll be there, and hope to see you as well. There is more information elsewhere in this newsletter as well as on the IALOH.org web site.

In closing, I want to thank my Chief of Staff, Billy Kennedy and his Lady Wanda, for their support throughout my journey in the IALOH. I also want to thank my unit, Bahia LOH, for all the support they offered as we planned events during the year. A special thanks goes out to my officers, both elected and appointed, as well as the Past IALOH Commanders, for all their guidance and support.



Tracy Coughlin, PC

Lastly, I want to thank my wonderful Lady Janet, without her, this adventure would not be the same or possible. She has been my rock and sounding board in both the Legion and in life. This May, we will be celebrating 40 years of marriage, and I look forward to another 40. I love you.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and if there is anything I can do to support you or your unit, please let me know. As I sign off, remember:

ITS AN HONOR TO BE IN THE LE-GION OF HONOR!

Tracy Coughlin, PC IALOH Commander

Cook Out Safety

Spring is here and the weather is starting to turn warm. That means it is cook out time. Just remember to follow all manufactures grill lighting in-



struction. Cooking out can fun and entertaining but one wrong move could ruin your day. So be safe.

Patriotism Chairman

I would like to thank Aaron Ayers for stepping up to be the Patriotism Chairman.

Legionaries if Unit performs a Patriotic acts such as carrying the flags in a parade, posting the colors for events report these activities to the Patriotism Chair. He reports these activities at the convention and it is a great way to get your Unit recognized.

You can contact him at Phone: 931-801-3488 or email: ayers.tnmason@gmail.com



1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings all.

Now that I and so many others have gotten a vaccine shot, along with numerous others as well. I feel more confident to travel and be in a social environment. As I had mentioned in the last Newsletter that we were preparing for the convention on the cruise ship. More talk about the pandemic causes me to remind myself of all the trips and gatherings with our International friends has virtually stopped, "Especially the cruise event".

But here we are now with things changing around the country and we (Leighanne and I) have seen light at the end of the pandemic cycle, as we were able to drive up to the Sacramento, CA area for a visit with the Ben Ali Shrine Legion of Honor a couple of weeks ago. This is where I had the honor of installing their 2021LOH Officer line. It was a great trip as we were honored to be around those great people. Their 2021 Potentate, Bill Wells was in attendance and he helped me by pinning the Commanders new Eagles on his shirt.

Leighanne and I are remarkably busy planning and getting ready for the ensuing year. It looks as though a convention will not be in the works this April and everyone is disappointed, but you know what, we can make it work because I know and believe in all my IALOH family, that this year and the coming years will be positive and allow us to get together once again.

In closing, I thank all of the Officers for their support and thank every Legionnaire Noble for their service to our fraternity and all it represents.

YITF, Steve Walker, PC

Division 5



Steve C. Walker, PC

2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom....When can we get together in person again? Well hopefully soon. As states are getting the vaccine and opening for large gatherings, it should not too much longer before we can have regular meetings and conventions again. A lot of Associations are not getting together for meetings and is great to see the trend back to everyone getting together again.

It is very unfortunate that we will not be able to attend the IALOH convention again this year, but there were Circumstances beyond Commander Coughlin and our control. We all were looking forward to the cruise and the fellowship that we have during the convention.

SESA had their mid-winter meeting via zoom and it went very well. In August, they are planning their change of command in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Egypt LOH cut the ribbon on their new room in the new Egypt Temple. It was a nice event that were also attended by the ladies, we had a great time. TALOH was cancelled due to the storms that went through Texas, but luckily it has been rescheduled for April. I am looking forward to attending their conventions and see friends again.

SASA is also having their mid-winter at the end of April in Kingsport TN. Going to SASA is always a fun event and those that can make it, may want to think about attending.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Commander Tracy Coughlin on a great year. He has helped the IALOH move forward even during a tormented year and the restrictions of Covid-19. This year has had many restrictions and new situations that the IALOH and LOH units have never encountered before. He has been steed fast in moving the IALOH forward with Zoom meetings and phone calls during this turbulent year.

Please visit the IALOH web site to see any updates and meetings that are coming up this year.

Hope to see you soon David Ginapp 2nd IALOH Lt. Commander

Division 4



David Ginapp, PC



<u>Quartermaster</u>

The Quartermaster has items for sell are on the website. Go to the website select "Market Place" then "Order Jewelry" and there you go. So if you need pins, medallions, jewelry, ties, and any other IALOH or LOH items go to our website www.ialoh.org for a list of items or contact our Quartermaster. Mike's contact information is on page 11. April 2021

3th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Grav Areas: I hope this newsletter finds you all safe, healthy and rela-Another quarter has tively sane. passed and sadly the virus has claimed another IALOH convention. I know a significant number of you were looking forward to this unique convention aboard a cruise ship. I imagined a wonderful time: with all of us in our Fezzes meandering about the ship living the stereotype about Shiners' adult consumption and answering whispered questions about our cult rituals. I want to thank Commander Tracy and Lady Janet for the tremendous amount of time and effort they put into this convention cruise. For his leadership throughout this difficult year, Commander Tracy deserves a great deal of respect and thanks. Speaking of COVID-19, I hope the end is in sight. Apparently, things have changed since we were on active-duty, I read on Military.com that service members are being given the option to receive or reject the vaccine. Perhaps it is my old age, but I don't remember anyone asking for my permission or even explaining what they were shooting in my arm. But I digress, with the vaccines now available, we can only hope that it's the key to opening the society back up and removing the restrictions, so we can once again meet in person, shake hands and even execute the Masonic hug.

Lady Virginia, my Chief of Staff Mike Kearns, his Lady Peggy, and I had planned on attending the Texas Association Legions of Honor (TALOH) mid-winter meeting in February but, as you may have heard, Mother Na-

ture walloped the state with record low temperatures, snow, ice and power outages that brought the entire state to a halt. But Texans being Texans, it didn't take long, for them to get back on their feet. The Inn at Barron's Creek that was hosting TALOH canceled their paid conventions to take in local residents that needed help so TALOH had to be postponed. TALOH has been rescheduled to April 26th - 29th 2021, at the same location so, off we go to enjoy springtime in the Texas Hill IALOH 6th Lieutenant Country. Commander and TALOH Commander, Charles McIntosh, has worked tirelessly to ensure this meeting took place. I salute you brother.

March 5th and 6th, I was able to attend the CSSA Mid-Winter meeting at the Pulaski County Shrine Club, Waynesville, MO. CSSA Commander Roth and his team put together a great program. Friday evening there was a meet and greet. Saturday, the official meeting took place attended by nobles from Abdallah, Abou Ben Adhem, India, and El Jebel Shrine LOH units. We had productive discussions about reenergizing Shriners as we come out of the pandemic quarantines, thinking outside the box for retention and recruitment of unit nobles that may have lost their enthusiasm during the pandemic. I can tell you firsthand it took me a while to get excited about getting out and about again after being a homebody for so long. We also talked about plans for an exciting CSSA LOH event planned for August. Following the meeting we had a great steak dinner with all





the fixings. The steak covered half the plate and it was delicious. Thanks to Commander Roth and the CSSA LOH team for their hospitality.

On a somber note, our friend and brother Ron Buchanan (USMC) passed away suddenly January 20, 2021. Ron was the CSSA LOH Adjutant for as long as I can remember. Ron was dedicated to Masonry, The Shrine and particularly the Legion of Honor. I will miss that subtle smile and our inter service rivalry. Rest in peace my brother

As we look forward our lives returning to some degree of normalcy, Mike Kerns (my Chief of Staff), my son Vince and I are planning to attend the CSSA LOH convention, August 19th through the 21st in Oklahoma City. We should have enough time to get home, do laundry and then then head back out to Springfield, IL, for the Great Lakes Shrine Association (GLSA) August 25th - 29th.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future. In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy and keep the faith.

Russ Gray 3rd Lt Commander

CSSA Officers and Nobles at Mid-winter meeting.

4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division 6

Well, it seems as though 2021has picked up right where we left off in 2020. We had the postponement of TALOH until April, we have had another convention cancelled and we are now taking life day by day.

On an up note, the Mid-Atlantic was able to have a slim med down version of their Change of Command and Meeting on March 13th at the Doubletree Hotel in Wilmington, Delaware. Myself, 7th Lt. Commander Wayne Steele and Finance Officer and Past International Commander Pete Phillips were in attendance. I had the honor of Installing newly elected Commander Geoffrey Lyster and the other officers. I want to thank outgoing Commander Fred Roland and the members of MASA for their hospitality and the gifts. We had a dinner on Friday night with great discussions and plenty of laughs. Saturday brought the installation and luncheon. I look forward to going up and visiting them again. Coming up in April is the rescheduled TALOH convention in Fredericksburg, TX and the SASA Mid-Winter Meeting in Kingsport, TN. Lady Lisa and I are looking for to a t rip to Reno, Nevada in June along with the rest of the officers and ladies for the Commanders Officer Meeting at the site of the IALOH 2022 Convention at the Silver Legacy Hotel at the Row.

Plans are moving forward and the IALOH has its sights at Arlington for our Annual Wreath Laying. Information can be found on the IALOH website www.IALOH.org. Looking for to being at a new location the Doubletree on Army/Navy Drive. In keeping with our history, they may or may not have moved the elevators from the Holiday Inn to the Doubletree in remembrance of days gone by. It was with mixed emotions that I watched the implosion of our former headquarters the Holiday Inn at Rosslyn. But, much anticipation of what will come.



Everyone please be safe and Lady Lisa and I look forward to when we will all get back together again.

YITF, David Hobbs, PC

Tunis Shriners Ottawa Wreath Laying Ceremony



We have been notified that again, this year because of the uncertainty on the social gathering restrictions due to the Pandemic, the Executive Committee has decided to limit the participation of the nobles to the Tunis Commander, Lt. Commanders, adjutant and the Tunis Potentate.

If this decision changes and allows more nobles to attend we will let you know.

Yours in the faith Daniel Charron, Adjutant Tunis LOH



Lt. Commander Hobbs visiting Bahia LOH



Division 7

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

We will begin travel and attending meetings this year as virus restrictions are lifted. We will be attending SASA April 29-May 1 at the Jericho Shrine Center. April 24 our unit will attend and post the colors at Ohio Shrine Association's annual meeting at Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City Ohio. Roger Neff, PP of Al Koran is currently President of Ohio Shrine Association. Commander Tracy Coughlin installed the Al Koran 2021 LOH Unit Officers in a virtual Zoom Meeting. Officers for 2021 are Commander Wayne R Angstrom PP, Adjutant Jack Conner PP, 1st Lt Commander Al Paynter PP, 2nd Lt Commander George Anders, Finance Officer Gordon Hastler PP, Quarter, Master Lee Pilous, Chaplin Louis Fow.

We plan to attend GLSA LOH Commander Ryan Mendenhall 2021 GLSA 46th Annual convention August 25th - 29th. At the Wyndham Springfield City Center, 700 East Adams Street Springfield, IL 62701. More information is on the ialoh.org website under associations where you will find GLSA and there will be Commander Ryan Mendenhall's letter, agenda, registration form and hotel reservation information.

We continue planning the IALOH 41st Annual Arlington Wreath Laying event and ceremony for November 3 - 7. The actual wreath laying ceremony will be Saturday, November 6 at 11AM. The hotel location is DoubleTree by Hilton Washington DC -Crystal City. Registration and hotel information is available on the ialoh.org website.

Al Koran's LOH Veterans Memorial Monument dedication ceremony will be scheduled for the last half of this year. The monument will be placed at the Ohio Western Reserve National cemetery in Seville Ohio 30 miles south of Cleveland. Once we have a schedule agreed, invitations will be sent.

We have sent emails to Division 7 Commanders and Adjutants and find all are not going through. We would be grateful to have those not receiving our emails and reading this article, send us their current contact information including email addresses.

I remain honored to have received the 2020 IALOH Noble of the Year Award prior to my election as 5th Lt Commander and thank the board for selecting me.



Wayne Angstrom, PP 祓

Always a good time for Shriners to speak to their fellow veterans and ask they join our LOH units.

Please ask a Brother Mason to become a Shriner! If I can be of service please ask.

Wayne R Angstrom PP Al Koran LOH Commander GLSA 1st Lt Commander IALOH 5th Lt Commander Veteran of the USMC

6th Lieutenant Commander



Arlington Tomb Shirts

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





Charles McIntosh, PC

Division 8

7th Lieutenant Commander

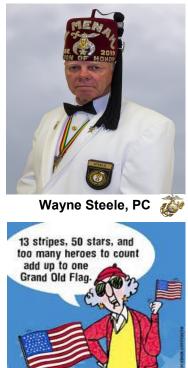
As you all know this has been a very unique year with all the restriction placed on individual Nobles, based on the city, county and state in which they happen to reside. The members of the IALOH have not had the opportunity to meet as a group, but have been able to keep in touch via zoom meetings. I have had the pleasure of making contact with the Leadership of the those LOH units assigned to Division 8. Mostly by phone or email, but some in person.

Lady Vicki and I just returned from Willington Delaware, where we attended the Mid-Atlantic Shine Association Spring Meeting and Change of Command along with IALOH Nobles David Hobbs and Peter Phillips Jr. Commander Fred Rorelinauished land his command to Geoffrey Lyster from the Kena Shrine. The South East Shrine Association, which the Almenah Shrine of which I am a member, held their Mid-Winter Meeting via Zoom on 20 February this year. Although we were able to conduct business it is just not the same as Nobles gathering together and swapping tales.

As many of you do, I look forward to getting back to doing business face to face where we can enjoy each other's comradery. Lady Vicki and I have already made plans to attend the South Atlantic Shrine Association MidWinter at the Jericho Shrine in Kingsport, Tennessee during the last week of April. We are looking forward to attending the Wreath Laying in Ottawa the first week of June. I wasn't able to attend that event last year and we will make every effort to do so this year.

I hope everyone have had the opportunity to get a least one of the Covid-19 vaccinations and are in good health. We hope to be able to visit with many of your units soon. Lady Vicki and I wish you all the very best and a prosperous 2021.

Fraternally, Wayne Steele



From the International Adjutant/Editor

Hi Everyone,

The year 2020 is over and I hope 2021 is a lot better. I am looking forward to being able to travel and have some fun.

This just a reminder the annual reports are due. If you have not submitted them please do.

The Arlington Wreath laying information has been posted on the website. If you have any problems please let us know so we can get it solved. If you have never been to the wreath laying you should try to make the trip it is a very memorable experience.

At this time we have one candidate running for Lt. Commander, III Sir. Geoffrey Lyster. His information is on the IALOH website.

If your Unit or Association has an event and would like it added to the newsletter please let me know.

I am taking ads for the 2021 - 2022 yearbook. The order form is on the IALOH website. Please be safe and follow the safety guidelines for protecting yourself and loved ones from this virus. If you must go out be safe. We want to see you at Arlington and at the association meetings. Now that we have a vaccine maybe we can get back to normal.

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

YITF, David Smith, PC International Adjutant



David Smith, PC Article deadline for the July 2021 newsletter June 15, 2021

TALOH April 26 - 29, 2021 Fredericksburg, TX Association Meetings SASA April 29 - May 2, 2021 Kingsport, TN

GLSA August 25 - 29, 2021 Springfield, IL

Egypt Shrine's new temple was completed in February 2021. These are a few pictures of the new Egypt LOH room were they will be holding their meetings.



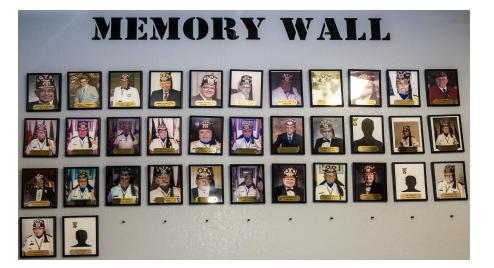














International Association

Legions of Honor

41st Annual Arlington Wreath Laying

New Hotel Information

Double Tree by Hilton

Washington DC - Crystal City

300 Army Navy Dr.

Arlington, VA 22202

<u>Dates</u>

November 3 - 7, 2021

The hotel registration information and the agenda is posted on the IALOH website www.ialoh.org/Events.

The registration form is on page 10.

International Association Legions of Honor 38th Annual Wreath Laying Arlington, Virginia 3 November – 7 November 2021

Wednesday, 3 Nov 21		Saturday, 6 Nov 21	
,	Hospitality Room Set-up will be open 1700-2200	0630-0745	Hospitality Room Open (Coffee, Juice, Pastries)
		0700-0745	Registration Open, Sign-in for
Thursday, 4 Nov 21			Attendance Credit
0700-2200	Hospitality Room Open	0800-0900	Welcome & Memorial Service in
0800-0900	Committee Meeting		Hotel Ballroom
1300-1700	Registration Open, Sign-in for	0915	Load buses and leave for
	Attendance Credit		Arlington Cemetery
1900-2100	Registration Open, Sign-in for	0900-2200	Hospitality Room remains open
	Attendance Credit	1115	Laying of the Wreath Ceremony
2000-2200	Welcome Party	1130-1200	Canadian Honor Service
		1300-1500	Arlington's Luncheon – in Hotel
Friday, 5 Nov 21			Ballroom
0700-2200	Hospitality Room Open		(\$40.00 per person – Tickets
0800-1130	Board of Directors Meeting		Required)
1130-1300	Lunch on your own	1430-2300	Hospitality Room Open
1300-1400	One Stone Degree	1730-1900	Dinner on you Own
1400-1600	New shirt orders in 1 st Lt. hotel		
room		Sunday, 7 Nov 21	
1500-1700	Registration Open, Sign-in for	0700-1000	Hospitality Room Open (Coffee &
1500 1000	Attendance Credit		juice)
1500-1600	Associations Meeting		
1700-1900	Dinner on your Own		
1900-2100	Registration Open, Sign-in for		
	Attendance Credit		





Arlington Registration Arlington Wreath Laying November 3 – 7, 2021 DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel 300 Army Navy Dr. Crystal City, Arlington, VA 22202



Attendees must submit a registration form to the Arlington Registration Chairman along with a registration fee of <u>\$20.00 per person</u>. The registration fee is to offset the hospitality room cost.

A Remembrance Luncheon will be served after the wreath laying ceremony at the hotel. The cost of the luncheon is <u>\$40.00 per person</u>. The cutoff for purchasing luncheon tickets is October 3, 2021. (Note: Due to a new hotel contract no luncheon tickets will be sold at Arlington.)

You must make hotel reservations yourself. To make a room reservation use the web link below or call the hotel reservation number 1-800-222-8733 and ask for group code "IALOH". <u>https://book.passkey.com/gt/218105292?gtid=80904a1d877b0fdb4c932380a29b64f</u> The cutoff date for making hotel reservations is October 3, 2021.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND MONIES TO:

David Smith, PC Arlington Registration Chairman 1018 SW Walter Ave. Lake City, FL 32024 HP: 386-752-0475 CP: 785-633-8527 Email: housingchairman@ialoh.org

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

	Shrine Center:	
Last Name:	First Name:	Lady:
Address:	City:	State:Zip:
Phone Number:	Email:	
	Registration and Lunch	eon Cost:
Number Attending:	_X \$20.00 = \$	— Do you need Transportation to the Wreath Laying?
		Yes: No: Handicap Bus: Yes
Total Cost:	\$	Wheelchair Required: Yes

Make checks payable to IALOH. All funds must be in US currency

Note: If your Unit is using a bus to bring a group of attendees to the wreath laying, the individual organizing the trip will complete the form as the main contact and attach a list of attendees to this form with the cost for all attendees.

April 2021

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