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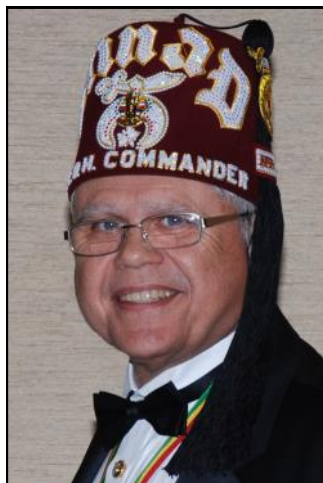
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From the Commander's Desk...

Greetings, Legion of Honor Nobles and Ladies,

How time is flying! Fall is in the air for many of us, while the rest are still enjoying that warmer climate. I really enjoy fall weather, the cooler temperatures and leaves begin turning different colors. My lady and I find ourselves to be very blessed. We have so many wonderful friends in our large, Legion of Honor family of nobles and ladies. Everywhere we go it is truly an honor to be a part of this wonderful group and to serve as your commander.



Jim Pulley

As you know, membership is key for our units to be able to continue to do the great things they are doing. Nobles we have to continue—and increase—our recruiting efforts. At the top of the list for getting that done is having fun fun fun this year.

By the time most of you see this, you will be heading to Arlington to participate in our great opportunity to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and to celebrate our wonderful relationship with our Canadian brothers laying poppies at the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice. It gives me great pride to be laying the wreath this year—what an honor! I want to thank, in advance, all who will be attending this year. It is not only a time to lay the wreath, but a time to meet old friends and make new ones during the days we gather before the Wreath Laying. So come on out to Arlington and enjoy yourselves.

This has been a busy quarter for Lady Deb and me. We started out the beginning of July with the drive to Houston, Texas and Imperial. Thanks to all who joined us there, we had a great time.

On an important side note – we were deeply saddened to hear that Allen Scholin, one of Lt Commander and PP Eddie Daffern's Assistant Chiefs of Staff suffered a stroke while still in Houston and later passed away. Our hearts and prayers continue to be with Lady Brenda, the Daffern's and all of

our Texas brothers and sisters during this time of loss.

After a brief break, our next trip was to Ashland, Kentucky for the El Hasa Military Ball and One Stone, July 16-19. This was a great time as always. Thanks to Past International Commander Woody and the team at El Hasa.

Our next stop was in St. Louis, Missouri where we attended the wedding of Jim's second daughter, Katherine to a wonderful young man on August 2nd. Those of you who follow us on Facebook have had a glimpse of what a great couple they are and we are

very proud of our new son-in-law.

After arriving home from that, we had about two days to regroup and pack and then we were off. First stop – Nashville, Tennessee where we stopped by on Thursday, August 6th and met with Commander Elect John Robert Smith and Lady Anita along with some of our SESA friends for dinner.

From Nashville, we took off Friday morning and headed for Fort Wayne, Indiana for the GLSALOH convention, August 6 - 8. There I had the privilege of installing our very own Doc Mike Murray as GLSA Commander. Congratulations to him and to his officers, Bob Watson, 1st Lt Commander and Ron Buskirk, 2nd Lt Commander.

From Fort Wayne, we headed out west. After making our way through South Dakota and Montana, we landed in Butte, Montana for PNSA, August 13-15. We had a wonderful time. It was great to spend time with our good friends, IALOH Chaplain Emeritus Howie Wynia and Lady Kathy as well as PNSALOH Adjutant Sarge Selk and Lady Sylvia. We also made a host of new friends there. Congratulations to the new Commander John Anderson, Past Grand Master of Montana and his officers for the upcoming year. Thank you to Stan Grenda and Lady Maria for helping us with the arrangements. It was also a great pleasure to have Don Het-

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The Crystal Ball

Looking at the Future...

WSA

May 5th - 8th 2016

MASA

April 21st—24th 2016

Check the IALOH web site for details and registration forms in addition to information on other upcoming events

If you would like your Association meeting listed here, please pass the information to the Adjutant.

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tervik, Commander of WSALOH in attendance.

Then we had a bit of a break, which we spent in Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. What a beautiful country we have. During that time. Jim had the opportunity to visit with the temple in Billings Montana and help them with getting a new unit started

We headed down a little early to Denver and took in a Colorado Rockies game. Then we headed to CSSA, August 26 – 28. The LOH was headquartered in Westminster, Colorado. This was another great time visiting with many old friends. Congratulations to Commander David Kinze, and his officers for the upcoming year. Thank you to outgoing commander Jerry Rodman and Lady Rita for the wonderful hospitality. While there, I had the opportunity to meet with some members of Scimitar Shrine in Little Rock, Arkansas about reestablishing the LOH unit at that temple.

When we finished up there it was finally time to head home. But not for long. We headed back to O'Fallon, Illinois on Wednesday September 9th to get ready to meet with the Lt Commanders, Adjutant and Finance Officer, September 10 – 12. This was a great time for our officers and ladies to get better acquainted, have some fun together, and (on the part of the officers) get some work done.

I have to say, everywhere we have traveled, we have met our IALOH Lieutenants and their ladies out there attending the meetings and meeting our people. I am proud of our lieutenants and the work they are doing. Thank you all.

Then we traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the SASA LOH banquet and installation, September 17th. It was fun to finally make it to Myrtle Beach. Congratulations to Commander Larry Sneider and his officers for the next year.

As I am writing this, I am sitting in a hotel in Evansville, Indiana. Tonight I

am attending a stated meeting of the Hadi LOH. Tomorrow, Deb and I will travel to Michigan City, Indiana with GLSA

Commander and IALOH Lt Commander Doc Mike Murray to get with members of Orak Shrine to discuss beginning an LOH unit there.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Arlington. It won't be long.

"Precious moments and precious friends—they are the treasures to hoard and cherish. We find ourselves wealthy in both and are thankful that you are part of that treasure."

It's truly an honor to be a member of the Legion of Honor.

Yours in the faith,
Jim Pulley

1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

Dear Legion Nobles & Ladies,

Whether it's the foliage, the fashion, or the cool, crisp weather that gets you going, everybody has a soft spot for fall. It may not be the start of the calendar year, but it does seem to be the start of something entirely different as summer ends and schools get back into the grind. September signals a fresh start for most of America, and thankfully so.

On July 18, 2015, Al Amin Legion of Honor Unit Commander Arvid Bergman & Lady Barbara, IALOH Chief of Staff Jim Fox & Lady Maureen and my Lady Nelda and I attended the El Hasa Shrine Legion of Honor 19th Annual Military Ball honoring Commander Jim Smith & Lady Barbara.

Special guest was our IALOH Commander Jim Pulley & his Lady Deb and several IALOH Officers & their Ladies.

We couldn't have asked for a more enjoyable time than we had at El Hasa Shrine Miliand I attended the Central States Shrine Association Legion of Honor Installation Banquet in Westminster, Colorado.

In attendance, were IALOH Commander Jim Pulley & Lady Deb and several IALOH Officers & their Ladies were present. Commander Pulley did the honors of installing the CSSA Legion of Honor officers.

The Installation Banquet was outstanding, the dinner was great and we enjoyed the company. It was a great pleasure attending the CSSA Legion of Honor Installation Banquet. Please remember that CSSA Legion of Honor is always welcome when your travels bring you to South Texas. Thanks for a warm hospitality.

On September 11 – 13, 2015, Commander Pulley, IALOH Officers, Finance Officer, Adjutant and their Ladies met at the Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center, in O'Fallon, Illinois for a conference meeting.

During the meeting the Commander Pulley did a superb job in organizing the sessions. In attendance were the IALOH Officers, Finance Officer and Adjutant.



Gilbert Medina

Division One

Congratulations on both a successful and a memorable conference.

I want to thank all Shriners Legion of Honor and appreciate your positive attitude and your ability to motivate Shriners to contribute to a good cause "Having Fun Helping Kids".

If I can be of any assistance, email me: medi-

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Or call me at 956-607-3640

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**Deadline for the
January
Newsletter
Is
01 January 2016**

2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

This quarter has found me doing a lot of traveling. The Associations that Lady Suzette and I attended were the **NSA, CSSA, PNSA, SESA** and **IALOH**, and also the **Imperial Convention**. That put 11,000 miles on my vehicle, plus 5,000 on two rental cars and airline miles. The last shall be first, so the NSA Field Days in Lewiston, Maine shall be first here. I arrived in time to visit and tour the Kora Shrine building, one of those old stately building with great Shrine decor both inside and out. In the Legion of Honor room I met up with Commander Tony Perkins and others. They had just completed paneling the room in pine and were hanging the pictures. Then it was time to line up in the parade with the Kora LOH Flag team leading the parade, I appreciated riding in the golf cart following the flags, along with the other units and Association Shriners following them. That evening the Banquet meal was served in a large tent down by the river. It was the biggest tent I have seen since leaving the Army in 1955. The meal was also the largest of any Association Banquet, consisting of two lobsters, six clams, and a roasting ear of corn, potatoes and blueberry cake.

The next morning I started traveling east through the state of Maine, through New Brunswick and on to Nova Scotia to the Philae Shriners in Halifax. There I was greeted by Recorder David Fraser, a great Shriner who has attended many of the Imperial Session and has had to deal with the great flood of the Mississippi River. I asked if I could get in touch with the LOH Unit members, and he got on the phone and in fifteen minutes he had Bert Thompson, Bill Scrymgeour, John Philips and one other person whose name I have lost, in the office. What a great group of veterans! A meeting was held and they will move the ball forward. We all retired to a local restaurant where I was treated to a fine luncheon.

The next day I retraced my travel back to Maine and on to New Hampshire to Bektash Shriners. There I was greeted by the Recorder Bushie Hill, and after a good visit about the LOH he gave me a tour of their Shrine building. I asked him to inform Cairo Shriners that I would try to arrive there that same day.

It is a good thing that a lot of the states in **DIVISION TWO** are very small where you can travel across two of them in one day. These two are very beautiful with their hard wood forests and mountains; however the trees had not started to put on their colorful fall colors as yet, I would love to see them in

a coat of white snow. Just like in the movie *White Christmas*.

I arrived in Concord, Vermont, just as the workday was ending and Rick Anderson greeted me at the open door of Cairo Shriner. The building is one of the old stately buildings that construction people like me like to see. Rick was in no hurry to leave since they were going to have a Divan meeting. I was given a computer list of the leaders of their LOH Unit.

The last on my itinerary was Kalurah Shriners in Endicott, New York. They have a small membership in the 300 member range. Their building is large enough that they can double their membership. It has a beautiful architecture stone front on it. I was greeted by Recorder John Orr, Jr. a Past Potentate who like many others will not quit. I arrived just minutes after one of LOH leaders had left. I received their **yearbook** and the August-September issue of the **KALURAH KAMEL** there bi-monthly newsletter. They are members of the **NY-Ontario Shrine Association** and not the NSA.

By now, it was back to the CSSA LOH meeting in Boulder Colorado. This is my home association where I was CSSA Commander in 2007-08. Jerry Rodman had a great convention and was retired as Jr. Past Commander followed by David Kinzie being installed as Commander. The 2016 CSSA Convention will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas followed by the Labor Day weekend in 2017 at Overland Park, Kansas. Overland Park is where I am planning on holding the IALOH Convention in April of 2018.

The PNSA Convention was held in Butte, Montana again as it was five years ago, with the 2016 Convention to be in Billing, Montana. One of the great leaders in the PNSA is none other than Dwaine Selk, and as usual he put together a great Flag Team to lead the parade. Again this year there were twelve flags presented by marchers from the Association LOH by members and a few IALOH Officers. I wish everyone could see the two hand-carved scimitar swords that Stan Grenda carved for the PNSA Convention in 2012 and were used for the decoration of the head table of this LOH Meeting. The Banquet meal was Montana strip steak which were just as good as KC steaks, and followed by a program of Irish Dancers.



Morris Sykes

Division Two

Next, I traveled to Oak Harbor to see my daughter Kim who the Navy just transferred there. She had been serving at their hospital in Guam since 2008. Then it was lunch at Nile Shriners, followed by a visit to Affi Shriners in Washington then followed by visits to Al Kader and Hillah Shriners in Oregon. Next Lady Suzette and I went down to California and stayed a couple days on the mountain at the home of one of my Personal Aides, Phil Thulander and Lady

Sandie, and then down to my Assistant COS Gary and Linda Brown's home on the river where gold was discovered in 1849, Linda served hors d'oeuvres of elk. (I wonder how she would know that was my favorite meat).

Way back in August I did a the trip to the SESA LOH Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, to see my good friend John Robert Smith installed as Commander for the ensuing year. We couldn't pass up attending the Grand Ole Opry while there.

Before the SESA in August was the Kansas East/West Bowl game in Hays Kansas. It's in wheat field country where it was considered cold this year, because the last time it was held in Hays in July it was 114 degrees in the shade. East was the winner, again. Imperial says the Kansas East/West Bowl is largest fund raiser for the hospitals.

Before the Hays trip we were in Houston Texas at the Imperial Annual Session. It is always hot on the 4th of July in Houston. On Sunday the IALOH held an open meeting with the ladies and nobles attending, including some from far off units in Mexico and Puerto Rico. The following day IALOH Officers presented the Flags for the opening Session and the election of Jerry G. Gantt to be installed as Imperial Potentate.

A description of my travels might have been more than you expected, however it was a very busy traveling quarter. I am still taking invitations to your events. I am looking forward to seeing you on November 5th to 7th in Arlington for the Wreath Laying on the Tomb.

Yours in the Faith,

Morris W. Sykes

3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Lady Pat and I started off the third quarter heading to Imperial Session at Houston Texas. Taking the long way around we headed to KY to spend a couple days at the trailer and fishing a little just because I was there. I did pretty good fishing but nothing outstanding. We did the next leg of the trip by stopping at Greer's Ferry Arkansas to see and old friend of ours. I have been fishing with him in Arkansas for over 30 years. He moved to Greer's Ferry after graduation for our home town in Brookville Oh. Last leg is Houston Texas for the 141st Imperial Session. Our IALOH meeting at Imperial went well and had a great attendance.

Imperial was busy for me as I am an Imperial Marshal and work a lot behind the scenes. It was great that the IALOH had the honor again this year to post colors for the 141st Imperial Session. Really meant a lot to me to be able to stand tall for the IALOH and do our part. Congratulations guys for a job well done. Looking forward to it again next year to post colors for the Imperial. On the way back Pat and I had the pleasure to stop by the New Bass Pro Shop in Memphis, Tenn.

On the way back Pat and I had the pleasure to stop by the New Bass Pro Shop in Memphis, Tenn. Man that is something to see, I tell ya!!

We again enjoyed attending the El Hasa, 19th LOH Annual Military Ball with Cmdr. James Smith and Lady Barbara. Such an enjoyable affair and plenty to do while you are there.

We began August with front row seats at the Frazee Pavilion in Dayton Ohio, with two of my favorite entertainers being there: Ronnie Millsap and B.J. Thomas. Man what a show and how I love to hear them sing.

Great Lakes Shrine Association Legion of Honor was a great success.

A big thank you to Commander Paul Baker for a great weekend. Congratulations go out to Commander Dr. Mike Murray as being elected and the Commander for GLSA for 2015-16.

The best of wishes for you and Lady Bridget for a successful year ahead of you.

We had a lot of parades and picnics to attend at our local temple this month. Was great getting back home and spending some quality time with Antioch Temple.

September had us taking part in the Holiday at Home Parade in Kettering Oh this year which is one of the biggest parades around Dayton. Antioch came out in full colors and showed the crowd a great performance. The Streets were lined for miles and when the Colors went by they stood and saluted accordingly. Man, that makes you feel good as a military man!!! The IALOH had a fall meeting at O'Fallon Ill on the 10-13 Sept and it was a great meeting. Meeting dynamics



Ray Combs

Division Three

to the fullest with a lot getting accomplished. Congratulation goes out to Commander Jim Pulley for making this happen. A review of the By-laws, the budget, membership, drill competition, year book ads and jewelry sales was reviewed and updates. Great job guys!!

Back home again with a lot of birthdays and parades to attend this month. Antioch LOH had their

annual Fish Fry fund raiser and we had a great turn out and put a few bucks into the treasurer's account.

Well folks, this quarter was busy for us and I'm sure it was for all of the International Officers who travels. I am looking forward to Arlington again this year and will work with the International officers to make this a success as well. Laying the wreath is an honor for us and I cannot leave there without tears in my eyes. It means so much to me and Lady Pat. God Bless the International Legions of Honor and all that you continue to do for our country.

Keep 'em Flying
Ray Combs, P.P.

From the Adjutant/Editor

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 old friends and meeting new ones as too. The IALOH Yearbook will be here before you know it as well. The Annual Reports have gone out so the Units should have or should be in the process of receiving them.



Kevin Fox

Along the with reports I have added a couple of IALOH yearbook

adds. 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 am still in the learning process for this Adjutant position and I appreciate everyone's support and patience with me while I find new things out everyday. My fez off to our Past IALOH Emeritus

Adjutant Ron Lee. He has done an amazing job with this turnover. I have only received one application from a noble to run for the IALOH line. That Noble John Robert Smith who will be running for 8th Lt. Commander. Please get your paperwork into me as soon as possible if you are interested in running.

Yours in the faith,

Kevin Fox IALOH

4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Four

Hope everyone had a great summer! I saw and visited with many of you in Houston for the Imperial Session from July 3-9. Commander Pulley held a short meeting on Sunday July 5th and was very well attended. That same day, the International Officers carried the flags for the Opening Ceremonies. Noble Ken Morey did a good job calling cadence and commands. My Assistant Chiefs of Staffs Bill Chicky and Allan Scholin and his Lady Brenda were also with us.



Eddie Daffern

San Antonio on July 16th to meet with some Nobles of Alzafar who wanted to start a new Legion of Honor unit. It was a great meeting as there were close to 30 possible new members in attendance. Bill and I both spoke to the group and answered many questions. They have a great opportunity to become a major unit in Alzafar. The drive for a new LOH unit Was headed by J. R.

Alaniz, a young and enthusiastic Noble. The Potentate, Jay D. "J.D." Thomas was in attendance and is totally supportive of this group of Nobles.

Shari and I attended the SESA LOH Convention in Nashville, TN on August 6 – 9. Commander Hector Rodriguez and his group did a fantastic job in their planning making it possible for everyone to have a great time. The highlight of the banquet was Hector proposing to his finance Jackie Sexton...and she accepted!! Congratulations to them and to John R. Smith for being elected Commander for the coming year. He and Anita will do a wonderful job. Chief of Staff Jim Hollis and his Lady Barbara, Assistant Chief of Staff and

TALOH Commander Bill Chicky and his Lady Jeanniett and Shari and I attended The CSSA LOH Convention in Denver. Commander Jerry Rodman and Lady Rita provided a great time for everyone. Congratulations to his whole team because everything was fantastic. Congratulations to the new Commander, David Kinzie and all his officers.

Shari and I travelled to O'Fallon, IL on for a workshop scheduled on September 10 – 13 with the other International Officers and their Ladies. Commander Pulley had a comprehensive agenda for us to work through, which we did. I thought it was productive and some good ideas came from our discussions, which you will be learning more about.

Remember, the Wreath Laying Ceremony in Arlington, VA is November 7th. I hope to see all of you there. If you haven't made reservations, contact Ray Coffey to see if you can get a room. If not, there are other hotels nearby, so send in your reservations, which are on the IALOH.org website, and come on!

Semper Fi,
Eddie Daffern, PP
4th Lt Commander, IALOH

To all Unit Heads and Officers receiving this newsletter –

This quarterly International Association newsletter is a big part of the official correspondence between the International Association office and your Unit. The information presented should be passed to all of your members as soon as possible after receipt of the newsletter. There are a couple of reasons for this, 1) So your membership knows that there is an International Association and 2) So they are aware of any upcoming events that might be of interest to them.

Further, copies of the included forms should be made available to all of your members early enough that they can participate in any upcoming event in which they might be interested. It would also be a great help if you could include these forms in any communication with your members

We know that regular mail is becoming increasingly expensive and electronic communication is becoming the norm but many of our/your members have no desire to join the computer world and prefer to receive their information on paper. To that end, we must make every effort to ensure that these members "get the word" so they are aware of and included in your specific Unit and Association events.

In Memory Of Departed Noble

**Allan R. Scholin
PC
September 12th 2015**

Ben Hur

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Imperial was a great trip. I met many Shriners from around the world, and the Potentate of Al Aska, Anchorage AK. We then traveled to El Hasa Shrine, Ashland KY for the Commander's Ball, One Stone, and Run-off. LOH Cdr. Jim Smith conducted the meeting along with PIC Woody Mitchell. John "Popeye" Smith, Chief of Staff to Ray Combs, gave the Salute to the Military over the "Punchbowl" Former Chief of Staff to PIC Woody Mitchell,

Claude Meade was in attendance with his lovely Lady Robbie. It sure was great to have Claude among the ranks again. While there, we were asked to keep the edict of only performing the One Stone Ceremony at El Hasa, the Annual IALOH Convention, and at Arlington. I've been to several of these outside of those areas. The Ceremony seems to loose something without the Drill Team performing it.

I'd like to congratulate the new Chief, John "Popeye" Smith of Mocha Shrine, Ottawa Canada. Also, the two others that got on line to become Chiefs in the future.

The 2nd in Command on the line is Randy Lawrence of Sudan Shrine, New Bern NC. He will be Chief in 2016. Randy has been a long time member of my IALOH team..congratulations Randy and to all the new Officers of El Hasa Shrine LOH. I was personally pleased to have three of my Staff in attendance: Chief Personal Aide Jim Cone and Lady Carmen; Randy Lawrence and Lady Jeanne along with Randy's sister Katrine; and Barry Weissner 2015 MASA Cdr. SESA in Nashville TN was next on our agenda. Cdr. Hector Rodriguez was an

excellent host for his Change of Command Ball. There was a great Hospitality room as you can tell from the posts on Facebook.

Andy Anderson, Hector's Chief of Staff, kept things moving right along. Andy is the perfect example of why Marine officers respect their "Gunnys" so much. Great job Gunny...or, as I like to call him "Mr. Georgia". Hector himself was the center of attention for more than his Meeting. He surprised the audience and his Lady, Jackie Sexton when he dropped to one knee to give Jackie an engagement ring along with a proposal of marriage. She said YES! Congratulations to this lovely couple. Congratulations to all the newly elected SESA Officers for 2015/16. We learned that the 2018 SESA Convention will be held in Puerto Rico. We will have a great time there. More information on this event will follow.

End of August, we attended CSSA in Westminster CO. A good time was had by all. I first met now Jr. Past Cdr. Jerry Rodman in Wichita KS back in the 1980's while I attended Jr. Warden class...that's a long time. The new CSSA Cdr. is David Kinzie. David is a member of Arab Temple. I am well acquainted with him and his lovely Lady Jo. I was really pleased to see my good friend Tim Fowler of Isis Temple, Salina KS swear in on the CSSA line as 3rd Lt. Cdr. Congratulations to all.

Several Imperial Officers stepped into our meeting including Imperial Sir



Al Gonzalez

We had a good meeting. SASA at Myrtle Beach was next.

I had a good time with my three Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Jim Cone, and David Conley both from Amran and Norman Scott of Jericho. Larry Sneider, new SASA LOH Commander and myself tried a "Hotel Hospitality Crawl". It was not as successful as either one of us would have liked, but we both enjoyed it.

If I missed your Hospitality, let me know where you will be next year..I'd be glad to crawl over! Jericho Shrine, as always, was my Host Temple. Thank you for the work you do. Hope to see you all at Arlington...

Al Gonzalez
5th Lt. Cdr. IALOH

Division Five

Gantt, Jeff Sowder, and Candidate Richard Burke of Yaarab Shrine, Atlanta GA. Richard is travelling with Imperial. We wish him well for election to Outer Guard in 2016. Laurie & I visited my new Chief of Staff, Bill Allen and his lovely wife, Barbara in Mt. Vernon MO.

They made excellent hosts. O'Fallon IL was next for the IALOH Officers Business meeting. Pete Phillips represented the PICS well.

6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings from Evansville, Indiana. It's great to be a Shriner!

The Great lakes Shrine Association convention is now history. It was a great convention with much friendship and fellowship. It was also the first time that the event was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Congratulations to Commander Paul Barker and his staff on a job well done.

Membership is and continues to be a growing concern for the International Association of Legions of Honor (IALOH). Tomorrow I leave for Michigan City, Indiana, to attempt to organize

a new Legion of Honor unit. Hopefully, this will be the first of many new units and also some restored units in the Great Lakes Shrine Association. Also, to be visited is Chicago, Illinois and Terre Haute, Indiana in the near future. Other Shrine temples will follow.

For my next article, I intend to write exclusively on membership in general as well as a concern over a lack of membership for ages 20



Mike Murray

through 40 in the IALOH. Much energy needs to be devoted in this area if the IALOH is to survive in the future.

Best wishes to all Legionnaires and I hope to see you all soon.

Army Strong!
Mike Murray

Division Six

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Greetings Nobles! If you're reading this I guess my last article was acceptable to the editor and he's letting me submit another dispatch to the membership. If you recall from my last report, I was hoping that I didn't come back from the Imperial Session in Houston with a police report.

Well I'm happy to say I was not charged with conduct unbecoming, but I didn't earn a Good Conduct Medal either. We had a great time at Imperial and I was proud to represent Veterans and the Legion of Honor in the posting of colors at the opening session.

Commander Pulley conducted a business meeting during the weekend and I had the fortune of meeting and introducing several members from the 7th Division to include Al Rai'e Aleh Shrine Temple in Puerto Rico and Azan Shrine Temple in Melbourne, FL.

I'm already looking forward to next year's Imperial Session at Tampa, FL, especially since it's only a two hour drive from home. Also in July, my Chief of Staff Karl "Short Round" Stimson and I, along with our ladies, were invited by Yaarab Commander John Robert "Pudd'en" Smith to a summer picnic just outside Stone Mountain, GA. It was warm, but the gracious hospitality from Yaarab LOH nobles and ladies made it a pleasure. I hope this is the first of many picnics for them and that I continue to get an invitation.

In August I attended the Southeastern Shrine Association Annual Convention

in Nashville, TN. Congratulations to "Pudd'en" on his election to SESA Commander as well as the rest of the line officers. You've got a great team and I hope hear great things from you this year.



Tracy Coughlin

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September took me back to my old stomping grounds in O'Fallon, IL where the IALOH Annual Convention will take place. Commander Pulley showed off the hotel where the convention will be held and I must say, you'll get your money's worth out of the convention.

We conducted a lot of work that will benefit the membership and we'll be introducing some of the ideas as soon as we work out a couple details. In the past, we've struggled with planning the In-Line Inspection and Drill Competition as we never knew how many units would be participating. This year we're going to try something new. If your unit is planning on participating in either event and you submit your Competition Registration form before 28 February, 2016 (same date as early convention registration), you're unit will receive 2 points towards your score. We all know how close these competitions are, and

Division Seven

these points could actually be the difference of 1st or 3rd place. So register your unit early.

Upcoming events include many Change of Command ceremonies and I would love to attend. Please let me know when you're planning your units CoC and if there's no existing conflict, I'd love to attend. Speaking of upcoming events, I hope ya'll planning on attending the IALOH annual pilgrimage to Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns. This event is such a solemn and memorable experience that I encourage everyone to attend once, because I know ya'll come back again.

A little further out, but not too far to start planning for, is the annual East-West Shrine Game held in St. Petersburg, FL. This year it's on 23 January, a Saturday. Egypt LOH coordinates the posting of the colors and LOH nobles get on the field just before kick-off. Last year there were several IALOH officers on the field along with the Egypt LOH. This event is open to all LOH nobles, regardless of unit. Just let me know if you're interested or contact PC Tom "Scooter" Bishop at tlbish-op1@yahoo.com for details.

Until next time,

Tracy Coughlin

2016-17 Yearbook Ad Campaign

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the application form for ads in the 2016-2017 yearbook. 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 appreciated.

The objectives of the

International Association Legions of Honor are:

To foster a Spirit of Patriotism and Love of Country and Flag;

To perpetuate the memory of our Comrades in Arms who made the Supreme Sacrifice by giving their lives for their country

while members of the Armed Forces;

To devote our efforts as individuals and Legion of Honor Units

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8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

This year is moving along very smoothly and quickly, Nobles. The last time I wrote an article to you, I left off with my honor and vision going forward. Those ideals have stayed the same and are growing as I write.

As a group of officers under the command of our own IALOH Commander Jim Pulley, we traveled to Houston TX for the Shrine Imperial Sessions. I have to admit it was a tad bit humid for this Southern California boy but we managed and had a great experience. Cmdr Pulley and seven of his Lieutenants along with COS Jim Lare, we brought in the colors for the opening session that first day. After a short practice that morning we pulled it off without much fanfare. So far that is my highlight for this year. As a side note to the Houston visit, Leighanne and I were able to visit San Antonio TX and loved that city and its surroundings.

The rest of July found me communicating with units in my Division regarding their needs and requests. August 12 -16 took us to beautiful Butte Mt for the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association convention. They really know how to put on the Ritz as they say with great fellowship and wonderful food. We were able to spend a good amount of time socializing with the Nobles and their Lady's within the hospitality rooms that were available. On Saturday there was a Shrine parade with twelve flags carried by Nobles from numerous Temples and two IALOH Lt's, Morris Sykes and myself. After the parade there was a lunch for all at a local park. Great time! I shall not forget that Cmdr Pulley was in the parade and he enjoyed his experience riding in a vehicle with the new



Steven C. Walker

Division eight

PNSA Adjutant Sarge .September had us officers meeting in O Fallon IL from the 10th -13th for the purpose of discussing those items for improvement and specifically going through our bylaws and correcting those areas that were outdated and overused. Well done Cmdr and my fellow Lt's for accomplishing so much on a short weekend.

Fall is upon us and as it is my favorite time of the year I hope all my Noble Brothers and their Lady's enjoy the season and my God bless your travels.

Steven Walker



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