

Great Lakes Shrine Association Legions of Honor 48th Annual Meeting Springfield, Illinois August 2-6, 2023



Dear Legion Nobles and Ladies:

My Lady Cindy and I, along with the Nobles of the Ansar Shrine Legion of Honor welcome all the Nobles and Ladies of the Great Lakes Legion of Honor to Springfield, Illinois for the 48th meeting of the GLSA-LOH.

Your attendance, support and participation is important to ensure our association and units are able to continue to foster a spirit of Patriotism, Love of Country and Flag; to perpetuate the memory of our comrades who made the supreme sacrifice giving their lives while members of our Armed Forces. In addition, our Shrine Centers, Clubs and Units need our active participation focusing on membership retention and growth.

The Northfield Inn, Suites, and Conference Center, Springfield, Illinois is our convention meeting center. The price of rooms will be \$103.00 plus tax of 14% for \$117.42 all in. Breakfast is included for each guest. Your rooms need to be reserved on your own by calling 217-523-7900 and asking for the GLSA-LOH block. They need to be reserved no later than July 2, 2023. https://northfieldinn.com/ is the Northfield website

Wednesday, August 2nd is the beginning of the convention, and it will be for registration in the hotel lobby and settling in from your trip. For those that choose to arrive early, we are planning a pub crawl we are calling "Drinkin' with Lincoln". A bus will pick you up at the hotel and we will visit microbreweries or brew-pubs in downtown Springfield and the bus will get you back to the hotel when it is over.

Thursday, August 3rd will be a good day to go out, sight see, and get an experience of Springfield. A bus tour will be offered including a stop for lunch (Lunch is on your own). Golf will be available for those that wish to do that. Later in the afternoon the GLSA-LOH Executive meeting will be scheduled.

Friday, August 4th the opening ceremony will commence. Necrology Service will follow opening ceremony. There will be traditional separate Luncheons for the ladies and the nobles. Following the Nobles Luncheon will be One Stoner Ceremony. That evening will be the welcome party.

Saturday, August 5th will continue with regular GLSA-LOH activities, including the business meeting and election. While the Nobles are meeting, there will be Ladies program. We will have a joint Nobles and Ladies Luncheon. In the evening, picture taking, and ending of the convention with the Installation Banquet.

Sunday, August 6th, Safe Travels Home!

A Hospitality room will be open for socializing, snacks, and drinks-Check the agenda for times. We look forward to seeing you in Springfield!

Joe Bartley

GLSA LOH Commander