



International Association Legions of Honor

89th Annual Convention
Embassy Suites
550 S. Buchanan St.
Amarillo, TX 79101
29 April - 3 May, 2020



Greetings Legion Nobles and Ladies,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as the International Legion of Honor Commander for 2019-2020. Lady Shari and I have travelled all over this great land attending Legion of Honor unit functions and Associations, meeting many new people and always leaving as friends. It is always a pleasure to be invited to special unit functions where long ago strangers are now our friends.

We all have so much in common. We are Masons, Shriners and Military Veterans. We all served our country and now we are serving our shrine centers, communities and all humanity by being associated with the "Worlds Greatest Philanthropy", our Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

With the help of my staff, especially my Chief of Staff and his Lady, Jim and Barbara Hollis, plans have been made for the 89th Annual Convention in Amarillo, TX 29 April – 3 May, 2020. **YOU ARE WANTED** as we travel back in time to the "Old West" for a special Welcome Party. So, two-step your way to Texas and bring your friends.

Our convention will be held at the Embassy Suites at 550 S. Buchanan St, Amarillo, TX 79101. The phone number to reserve your room directly with the hotel is (806) 803-5500. You need to press "0" for the operator to get the in-house reservations. Ask for the block of rooms for the **International Association Legions of Honor**. The rate is \$129.00 per night and all the rooms are suites. **The hotel's cut-off date for reservations at the IALOH rate is April 7, 2020.** This rate extends three days before and three days after our convention. Each guest will enjoy complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast daily and a complimentary 2-hour reception each evening of your stay.

There are many fun things to do in Amarillo and the surrounding area. Since a new baseball stadium has been built downtown, there are many new restaurants in walking distance of the hotel. You may even want to take in a game and watch the "Sod Poodles" play. Be sure to check out the enclosed brochure pages included with this packet to find other fun things to do. You may also want to check out the "visitamarillo.com" website. Also, Khiva Shrine Center is across the street from the hotel.

Wednesday is the beginning of our convention with the **IALOH Golf Tournament**, which will be held at the Ross Rogers Golf Course. This Course is just 5 minutes from the hotel..

Thursday morning is the Convention Formal Opening. That evening will be the "Old West" Welcome Party. Be a cowboy or cowgirl, gunfighter or saloon girl, preacher or school marm, outlaw or pioneer woman. Mainly, bring yourself and have fun. We are trying to set-aside a couple of hours before the Welcome Party for western dance lessons. More on this later.

Friday is the Necrology Service, our special time to remember those who are no longer with us. The men;s and ladies' luncheons will both have entertaining speakers. We will finish the day with the Drill Competition and the Candidates Hospitality Room.

Saturday, we will continue with our regular IALOH activities, such as business meeting, election and picture taking and ending the convention with the **Formal Installation Banquet**.

Sunday, Safe Travels Home

If you need assistance, please contact me at (512) 656-5691, edaffern@austin.rr.com.

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