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The Crystal Ball

Looking at the Future...

MASA LoH Spring Meeting
Wyomissing, PA
28 April-01 May 2011

SASA LoH Spring Meeting
Williamsburg, VA
05-08 May 2011

Ottawa Tomb Ceremony
Ottawa, ON, Canada
28 May 2011

SESA LoH Annual Meeting
Louisville, KY
10-14 August 2011

GLSA LoH Convention
London, ON, Canada
18-21 August 2011

PNSA LoH
Butte, MT
24 August 2011

Check the IALOH web site for
Other Upcoming Events

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

If your Association is having an event and it isn't listed here—It could have been...



1st Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division One

Happy New Year! Sure hope your year is going well for you so far. Those of us in Texas up through the Central States and Great Lakes have sure had our share of winter so far. However, I think the worst is over for us in Texas and that is just fine with me. The weather has made my travels limited this quarter.

In January I did have the honor of installing the Officers of Moslah Shrine Legion of Honor for the ensuing year, Commander Harry Rumzek, 1Lt. Commander Cal Gibbs, and 2Lt. Commander Dale Clark. My COS Don Gibson served as the installing Marshal. We wish them a successful year. My Lady Sarabeth and I did manage to make a trip between snow storms to Springfield, MO to attend Abou Ben

Adhem Legion of Honor change of Command Ceremony. International Commander Butch Arnold was the Installing Officer and I assisted him as the Installing Marshal. We had a great meal before the Ceremony and good fun and fellowship. International Commander Arnold conducted a tour of their Shrine Center after the Ceremony and we were very impressed.

We had a great time in Branson attending the IALOH meeting put on by now Past Commander Butch Arnold and his Lady Debbie. They did a superb job. Congratulations to Commander Tony



Jack Tuomey

Murray, we look forward to working with him in making his year an outstanding one.

I want to thank you for electing me to 1LT Commander and will be eagerly working on the 2013 meeting here in Fort Worth, Texas. Hope to see you down the road.

Division 1 consists of the following: Akdar, Bedouin, Hella, India, Isis, Khiva, Maskat, Midian Mirza, Moslah, Sahara and Scimitar.

God Bless our Troops.

Yours in the Faith,
Jack Tuomey

2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Two

Greetings All. First a little bit about our recent International Convention in Branson, MO. As expected, outgoing Commander Butch and his lady Debbie, did a great job. A tip of the Fez to Butch and his staff for all the hard work required to put on an event like this. For those of you wondering, Butch held true to his word and served us Bolonga sandwich's at the past Commanders luncheon. What he failed to mention was; the 3-day old bread. Also, Congratulations to incoming Commander, Tony Murray and staff. Lets give a big welcome to the new 8th LT Commander Eddie Daffern, PP from Ben Hur Shrine.



Woody Mitchell

Commander's Ball in Kingsport, TN 20 – 22 January. I was honored to serve as Marshal for Installing Officer, 1st LT Commander, Tony Murray. Congratulations to newly Installed Commander Nick Simone and his staff, we wish them all well. Nick is relatively new to the LOH but he is bubbling over with enthusiasm and will be a great asset to the Unit. Past Int'l Chief of Staff, R. C. Robinson, who was supposed

to slow down a couple of years ago, is like the Eveready Bunny, just keeps going and going while working the Bar for the entire event.

Several Nobles have called for the dates of El Hasa's Commander's Ball, which is 14 – 16 July, 2011. Remember, farm day is on Friday the 15th.

Legion Nobles, don't forget your Ad's for the Yearbook. The form for the Ad is on the International Web Site, IALOH.ORG. You should send them to: Tracy Coughlin, Yearbook Editor, 517 Wax Palm Lane, Chuluota, FL 32766. The deadline is 30 April, 2011.

Lady Judy and I want to thank all of you for your calls, cards and numerous

donations to Shriners Hospital for the passing of my Father in Law in February. He wasn't a Shriner but he never missed a chance to brag about our hospitals. We sent Thank You notes, but know we probably missed some. Again, Thank You.

It's an Honor to Belong to the Legion of Honor. God Bless our Troops.

Yours in the Faith,
Woody Mitchell

TAPS

They Were
Remembered at the
2011 Necrology Ceremony

In Memory of
Our Departed Brothers

Lady Judy and I had a good trip to Ritzpah LOH in Madionsville, KY in early January to attend the Installation of Officers. It was an honor to install the Officers for 2011. We wish Commander Bruce Taylor and staff for 2011. This Unit is becoming quite active in SASA and here's hoping this enthusiasm will reach out to the International realm.

Lady Judy and I along with PC Don Adams and Lady Mary attended Jericho

3rd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Well, here it is, time for another article for the newsletter. Where does the time go?

In early March, I got to attend the Texas Shrine Association Legion of Honor Convention in Forth Worth, Texas. This was a great weekend full of real Texas hospitality. Also there was International Commander Butch Arnold, Second International Lieutenant Commander Jack Toumey, and Sixth International Lieutenant Commander Gilbert Medina. Guess the large International Line representation was helped by the fact that three of the International Lieutenant Commanders live in Texas. We all had a great time. Congratulations to immediate past commander Patrick James, and to new Commander Jim Hollis. I know TALOH is still in good hands and that its great work will continue. Thanks to the entire TALOH family for their warm welcome and good time.

Then it was on to the annual IALOH Convention in Branson, Missouri. This was a great convention, well planned and well run by Junior Past International Commander Butch Arnold and his Lady Debbie. The entire weekend was one more surprise after another, from the live bald eagle at the Necrology Service to the fried baloney sack lunch (that's right, I said baloney). I think everyone will agree that we all had a great time and some good-hearted fun. I believe having fun was the theme for Commander Butch's year, and we certainly did. Personally, I think having fun should be an underlying theme for every year. A sincere "well-done" to Butch and Debbie for their convention and their year in office. A sincere congratulations also goes to our new International Commander Tony Murray and Lady Jennifer. This looks to be another great year for the IALOH. I think we all look forward to working with Tony and Jennifer. Congratulations are also in order for our newest member of the Officer's line, Eddie Daffern, P.P., our new 8th International Lieutenant Commander. Eddie hails from Ben Hur Shriners in Austin, Texas. I look forward to serving with Illustrious Sir Eddie.

At the Convention, I was fortunate to be elected to as your new Third Interna-

tional Commander. I sincerely appreciate the membership's continued vote of confidence and support; and, I plan to do everything I can to be worthy of it. If any member unit or Legionnaire has any questions, issues, or concerns that they would like to discuss, I will be only too happy to discuss anything with you that you think might be beneficial to you, your unit, your association, or the IALOH.

As you know, each year the Lieutenant Commanders as assigned responsibility for a number of IALOH member units. This year my units include Al Sihah Shrine in Macon, Georgia; Abba Shrine in Mobile, Alabama; Alcazar Shrine in Montgomery, Alabama; Alee Shrine in Savannah, Georgia; Amara Shrine in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; Amran Shrine in Raleigh, North Carolina; Araba Shrine in Fort Myers, Florida; Azan Shrine in Melbourne, Florida; Bahia Shrine in Orlando, Florida; Cahaba Shrine in Huntsville, Alabama; Egypt Shrine in Tampa, Florida; Hadji Shrine in Pensacola, Florida; Hasan Shrine in Albany, Georgia; Hejaz Shrine in Greenville, South Carolina; Jamil Shrine in Columbia, South Carolina; Kazim Shrine in Roanoke, Virginia; Khedive Shrine in Chesapeake, Virginia; Mahi Shrine in Miami, Florida; Marzuq Shrine in Tallahassee, Florida; Morocco Shrine in Jacksonville, Florida; Oasis Shrine in Charlotte, North Carolina; Ocala Shrine Club (Morocco) in Ocala, Florida; Omar Shrine in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; Sahib Shrine in Sarasota, Florida; Shaddai Shrine in Panama City, Florida; Sudan Shrine in New Bern, North Carolina; Yarrab Shrine in Atlanta, Georgia; and, Zamora Shrine in Irondale, Alabama. This means I have responsibilities in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. This is a substantial area and number of units, but I hope to visit as many as possible. If you are from one of these units and would like me to attend one of your functions, please let me know the specifics and I'll



Ted Henderson

Division Three

do my best to be there. In fact, if there is any function that any unit or association would like me to attend, please let me know.

Finally, a little bit of personal news. I have finished my active duty tour with the Army at Fort Bliss, Texas. This means I will very shortly be moving back home to Tallahassee. It will definitely feel good to get home after three years

away. Even better is that I should have more time and more chances to get out to units and associations. So, keep those cards and letters (and invitations) coming. Incidentally, please begin using my Florida address, 2916 Cross Creek Court, Tallahassee, FL 32301, to contact me. You can continue to use my same phone number (850-321-3472), and email address () that I have always had.

Well, that's about it for now. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing from all of you in the coming year. Until then, I am,

Yours in the faith,

Ted Henderson

New Quartermaster

Please note that a new Quartermaster has been appointed. He is Michael L. Kimbrell, Commander of Ainad Legion of Honor. Contact information can be found on page 11 of this newsletter and on the IALOH web site.

We also say thank you and well done to outgoing the Quartermaster, PC Terry Benson and his lady Philomena.

**The deadline for
submission of an
article for the next
newsletter is
01 July 2011.**

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Upon arriving in Branson, Missouri on March 22, 2011, we were welcomed to the 80th Annual International Association Legions of Honor Convention by Lady Debbie and the Commander (Butch the Builder). The week of March 22- 27, 2011, was planned for a fun week while conducting the business of the Association. AL AMIN Shrine is proud to have a color team attend the convention. Members of AL AMIN Shrine: Jim & Maureen Fox, AL AMIN LOH Commander Robert Hinshaw, Ron Swanson, TALOH 3rd Lt Commander Richard Russell, Gilbert & Nelda Medina, Ginny Fox and her son Kevin Fox from Rajah Shrine LOH Reading, PA. Our Special Distinguished Guests were Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Deputy Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Michael Severe and Imperial Assistant Rabban Imperial Sir John Cinotto.

On Thursday, March 24, during the 80th Annual Convention Opening Ceremony, the Officers participated in the Grand March as they march around the room waving their flags to the music. The Officer's Chiefs of Staff presented the colors and the National Anthems was sung by the Hughes Brothers. The Mayor of Branson, CEO Chamber of Commerce and the Branson Chamber of Commerce welcomed everyone to Branson, Missouri. Later in the day, we attended the IALOH business meeting while ladies attended the hospitality room.

On Friday, March 25, we attended an impressive Necrology Service. The Fallen Soldier Battle Cross whose purpose is to show honor and respect for the fallen at the battle site. Some of our special guests that participated during the Necrology Service were Barbara Fairchild singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic, and George Dyer singing God Bless the USA. This was followed by the entry of Special Guard "Phoenix" from the Dickerson Park Zoo , a Bald Eagle. This was a spectacular Necrology Service.

During the Past International Commanders Luncheon, we were proud to see Eleven Past Int'l Commanders attend the PIC Luncheon. Each one of

them gave thanks to the Legion Nobles for attending the convention.

Later in the afternoon, there were three Legions of Honor Color Guard Teams that participated and competed posting the colors. There were four teams that competed in the In-Line Inspection competition. Competition was judged on the basis of:

- a. General appearance, ability and command presence of the Color Guard Captain.
- b. Alignment, cadence and proficiency of the Unit.
- c. The general appearance of the Unit.
- d. That Colors are carried with staffs vertical at all times except when posting or retrieving. All teams were excellent.

On Saturday morning, March 26, the IALOH had the Election of Officers for 2011. Congratulations to Tony Murray who is our IALOH Commander for 2011.

In the evening, the Installation of Officers Banquet/Change of Command was held with the Grand Entrance of



Gilbert Medina

Division Five

Past International Officers, International Officers and Distinguished Guests. During the awards presentation Al Amin Legion Of Honor's Ron Swanson received the 6th Division Distinguished Service Award.

In celebration of the 80th Annual IALOH Convention, I commend Debbie, your Staff, and Chief of Staff Kenny & Mary Miller

and you (Butch the Builder) for your dedication and hard work. You deserve to be proud of your achievement.

May your future efforts be equally successful and rewarding? Thank you for one of the best IALOH Convention ever! It is a pleasure socializing and working with you. Thanks for helping us. Thanks a lot.....

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Gilbert Medina
5th Lt. Commander



Past Commander Kenneth H. Miller of Moila Legion of Honor - Noble of the Year, 2011 Together with Imperial Assistant Rabban, Imp. Sir John Cinotto and Imperial Deputy Imperial Potentate, Imp. Sir Mike Severe.

6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

You have heard the saying the last shall be first...so it is with this quarterly newsletter the last happening this quarter is first. I was elected to the 6th Lt. Commander in Branson, Missouri at L. R. "Butch" Arnold's IALOH Convention. After being elected 6th Lt. Commander the 2011 Commander Anthony Murray assigned the 6th DIVISION to me, which being the same as last year's 7th DIVISION, the NW USA and Western Canada. However he did add the state of Nebraska and its three Shrines and Abdallah Legion of Honor in Overland Park, Kansas.

Butch had a **FUN** convention as he said it would be.... that has been Butch's theme for all of his eight years on line. He started as 7th Lt. Commander in Las Vegas in 2003. I want to congratulate Eddie Daffern' on being elected 8th Lt. Commander. Also congratulations go to his Lady Shari and all of Commander Murray appointments.

Cynthia and I made December Christmas Parties at Arab, Midian and India LOH Units.

January started off at Arab Shrine, with 2011 Potentate Alan Holt's Reception and LOH installation. On the 20th my Chief Personal Aide Al Gonzalez and I started a three week trip to the west coast to visit all the NW LOH Units and some of their installations. At Hillah LOH we broke bread three times with Commander Larry Youmans, PP and Lady Patricia, Adjutant Bill Best and Officers.

From there we visited Al Kader Shrine in Wilsonville meeting Greg Jenkins Potentate and Recorder Hap Baldwin, Commander Harry Lockwood and Adjutant Gerald Treber. From there we traveled north to Portland and stopped at the Shrine Hospital for Children where we received a three hour tour of both the old and new addition. Meeting several research Doctors, I learned about the bone cells and how normal cells were like a stone mason that would stagger the joints making the bone strong verses the stacked cells causing the bone to be weak or crooked.

Next it was Washington for Afifi Legion of Honor dinner with outgoing

Commander Charles Ports and meeting 2010 Potentate John Hubbard who is the 2011 Commander. We spent two nights with Charlie learning about his navy career in the south Pacific.

Traveling farther north we arrived at Nile Shrine, where the LOH had donuts and coffee waiting for us. Then we received a grand tour of the building by Potentate David Ramich. The LOH Unit then had lunch brought in consisting of salad, pizza and cookies. We were then showered with gifts from the Potentate and the LOH Unit. It was hard to leave but the Calam and El Katif Unit were expecting up for installation over at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Officers installed from Calam LOH were Commander Ron Hodge, PP, Adjutant Ted Graff, PC and for El Katif was Commander Chuck Young, Adjutant Walt Bradshaw, PC. Last year Commander Wally and Pam Adams, Calam and El Katif Legion of Honor Units are the greatest host and hostess of all. They provided us with sleeping accommodations at the CDA Resort, Wally's Condo



Morris W. Sykes

Division Six

and Lake Home. We didn't want to leave.

Going back to Washington on our way to Vancouver we stopped to visit the smallest shrine with about 300 members. Had a great visit with 2010 Potentate Don Lansing who would like to start a LOH Unit if he could without robbing the Mustang Unit who now has the flag detail.

Then it was off to British Columbia to the Island off Vancouver. We were guests of Stan and Lady Maria who treated us to a lovely salmon dinner. The next night was Gizeh LOH Installation of Commander Stan Grenda and Adjutant Don Trash. We toured the Capital grounds at Victoria. What a beautiful city. At the town of Chemainus we looked for the museum of murals. We could not find the museum, but the paintings were in front of us all the time on the outside of the buildings and homes. Talk about can't see the forest for the trees. Now we had to leave the beautiful country of Canada.

Back in Montana a stop was made to have lunch with Sarge (Dwayne Selk) at Missoula. I didn't tell him I had put him in for the International Distinguished Service Award. BOY was he surprised when I pinned it on him at the Convention in Branson.

I haven't received a copy of some of the Units Annual Report so I don't know the names or addresses of the 2011 Officers. I sent all of my Division Commanders and Adjutants a Christmas card and included a reminder of your final duty as 2010 Commander which was to send me a copy of your report and the origin to IALOH Adjutant. Commanders, it was your job or to see that your Adjutant did it at your instruction.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you this year at PNSA LOH in Butte, Montana on August 24 to 27.

Yours in the Faith,

Morris W. Sykes



Phoenix

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30 April 2011 IS THE DEADLINE FOR ADS



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Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony

November 3 - 6, 2011

Thursday - Sunday

Head Quarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Rosslyn, Key Bridge

1900 North Fort Myer Drive

Arlington, VA 22209

Hotel Check in Time: 3:00PM



The guest room rate is \$87.00 + \$8.92 tax = \$95.92 per night. A ONE NIGHTS NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED. The Housing Coordinator must receive the completed registration form, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20, 2011. Forms received after AUGUST 20, 2011, are subject to availability.

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You may smoke on the balcony if necessary, please close the door so smoke will not come into the room.

Please indicate the type of room preferred by circling your choice below.

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(ONE DOUBLE BED, WHEEL CHAIR ACCESABLE)

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Group Coordinators Name: _____ Arrival Time: _____

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Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Please note your expiration date on your credit card. Hotels will not accept card if expiration date is passed.

These are a must to help with Registration and Transportation

Do you require bus transportation to the ceremony? YES: _____ NO: _____

Are you a first time attendee? YES: _____ NO: _____

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

During the month of December, Roy Combs, 2nd Lt Commander, Great Lakes Shrine Association, and my Chief of Staff, and I traveled to his area of assignments with GLSA. We visited Aladdin Shrine Temple and Syrian Shrine Temple. Roy was the Installing Officer for Aladdin Shrine Temple, and I assisted him with the Installation and Obligation. It was a great honor to assist Roy and help him out with his new assignments. The Installation was per the book and we had a lot of fun and laughter doing it. They pretty much picked on the set of twins all night, and we rolled with the flow and had a marvelous installation. Congratulations to the newly installed officers of Aladdin Shrine Legion of Honor. With our visit to Syrian Shrine Temple, Roy and I assisted P.I.C. Bill Glenn in the installation of the Legion of Honor Officers. Congratulation goes out to the newly installed Commander and his Officers for the ensuing year. I wish them the best for 2011.

Lady Pat and I had the honor of being Santa and Miss Claus for the troops at the 445 Airlift Wing, Wright Patterson AFB, Oh. There were approximately around 50-75 children waiting for Santa to arrive. And arrive we did. Lady Pat and I enjoy doing what we can for our Enlisted Men and Women of the Armed Forces. The children had a great time

seeing Santa and Mrs. Clause and we truly enjoyed the moment.

February took us to the Installation at Ismailia Legion of Honor in West Seneca, New York. We met the Potentate, Ill Sir Gary Crewson and had a wonderful time there. I assisted 1st Lt Commander Tony Murray in the Installation of the Legion of Honors and we again had a marvelous time doing it. The food was excellent and we had plenty to eat. I want to thank the Officers for the hospitality we was given and my Lady and I had a great time. It was nice to again see P.C. Guy Ferrelli and his Lady Sharon. What a beautiful Temple Ismailia has and they are very proud of it. It shows.

At the end of February we traveled to Savannah, Georgia to attend the SESA Mid Winter meeting. We stopped along the way and met up with P.I.C. Bill Glenn and Lady Shirley and traveled from Atlanta to Savannah with them. Lady Pat and I had a great time with Bill and Shirley that weekend. Commander Cywinski and Lady Gerry really had everything together for the weekend. The meeting went very well and the Commander kept things in order. There was some talk about the Fall Session to



Ray Combs

Division Seven

be held in Louisville, Kentucky and I believe Commander Cywinski will again do a fine job. Most of us there took a tour of the city and what a beautiful city is. I haven't been there in quite some time and I really did enjoy the tour around town.

Well, it is getting close to the International Association Legion of Honor Convention in Branson. I'm looking forward to meeting

you all there and making new acquaintances as well. What a great group of men and women that Lady Pat and I have had the pleasure of meeting and spending quality time with. The Legion of Honor is one of the best Units in Shrine, and I am so proud to be a member of this Organization. To finish my newsletter, I want to thank the membership for there support and trust in promoting me to 7th Lt Commander position. I will serve you and the International Legions of Honor with dignity and pride. As always keep our Men and Women serving this great nation in your prayers for a safe return home to all of us.

Fraternally,

Ray Combs, 7th Lt Cmdr

And One Last Thing...

My year as International Commander has come to an end. It has been a great year and I have enjoyed my travels and the hospitality so many of you have shown. I want to thank my Chief of Staff, Kenny Miller, for traveling with me and providing so much support throughout the year. His Lady Mary and my Lady Debbie have stayed by my side and assisted me whenever needed. We enjoyed planning the 80th Annual Convention in Branson, and we hope those who attended had as much fun as we did.

I must also thank the elected and appointed officers of the IALOH. It has been a pleasure to serve with you and I look forward to our continued friendship. Serving the IALOH as

an elected officer has exceeded my expectations, and I would not trade this experience for anything. I would like to give a special thanks to International Adjutant Ron Lee for his work throughout the years and for his recent update to the IALOH website. If you have not visited IALOH.org recently, take a look. It has great information and it looks very professional.

There are so many I would like to thank. Many of you have been friends and advisors for years, and many of you have become friends in the last few years, but all of you have



Butch Arnold

had an impact on me. Again, thanks to all for everything you have done for me and for the IALOH.

It has been an honor to serve the IALOH. Best wishes to Commander Tony Murray and Lady Jennifer as they begin their journey, and to all officers and members of this great organization.

It is an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor!

Yours in the faith until we meet again,

Butch Arnold

Past International Commander

8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Eight

What a fantastic convention!! Thanks to Commander Butch and Lady Debbie for a well-planned, fun time in Branson. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Tony Murray for being elected Commander of IALOH for the coming year. I know he and Lady Jennifer will do a tremendous job. Congratulations are also in order to all the other Lt. Commanders who moved up to their next position.

I know the Nobles had only one choice when casting their ballot for the 8th Lt. Commander position this year, but I am grateful and excited to be part of this great leadership team guiding the



Eddie Daffern

IALOH. We should always have a choice when voting, so if anyone is interested in running, you need to get your paperwork in to the Adjutant.

I would like to thank Chief of Staff Jim Hollis and Lady Barbara, Past Commander Warren Huckabee and Lady Anna, Chief Rabban Ed Whitmore and Lady Margo, High Priest & Prophet Tom Hauss and Lady Laurie, all from Ben

Hur Temple, who brought food and or helped in my hospitality room. I would also like to thank Commander Jerry Williams and Lady Nancy and Past Commander Chuck Currie and Lady Nelda from Hella Temple for also providing

food and helping. Thanks go out to all the Legion Nobles from Texas who dressed in their western attire and helped welcome all the Nobles visiting my hospitality room. You all made it the success it turned out to be!

I am excited about representing Division 8 this year which includes California, Colorado, Hawaii, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and two Temples in Texas including my home Temple Ben Hur. Lady Shari and I looking forward to meeting new friends and visiting new Temples. If you have a special function you would like for me to attend, please let me know.

Yours in the Faith,
Eddie Daffern, PP

SHRINER WREATH CEREMONY TOMB of CANADIAN UNKNOWN SOLDIER Ottawa, Canada

Saturday 28 May 2011, 1100 hrs

Where: Canadian National War Memorial

When: 1000 o'clock form up - be there early please

What: International Commander LOH will lay wreath

Who: All U.S. and Canadian Legion of Honor Units and all TEMPLE SHRINERS are invited to attend this Ceremony.

Reception to Follow

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Former Patient-Unexpected Speaker

Kimberly, a member of the Branson Hilton Hotel banquet staff, was working the IALOH Banquet when it was the discovery that she had been a patient at one of our hospitals. She was introduced to the group and spoke briefly. As a baby, her doctors had declared that she would probably never walk, but the doctors at Shriners Hospitals for Children proved them wrong. Her "Thank you, Shriners," was an inspirational moment. She is shown with Imperial Sir Mike Severe, International Commander Butch Arnold, and Imperial Sir John Cinotto.

From the Adjutant/Editor

In case you hadn't noticed, the March 2011 issue of *Now Hear This...* is coming to you in April. The reason for this is two-fold: 1) Required communications to the member Units was made by letter mail and 2) We wanted to allow for coverage of the 2011 Annual Convention at Branson, Missouri. Those of you who were able to attend will know that it was a memorable convention.

We were graced with the attendance of three members of the Imperial Divan, Imperial Potentate George A. Mitchell, Imperial Deputy Imperial Potentate, Michael G. Severe, and Imperial Assistant Rabban, John A. Cinotto who was accompanied by his lady Margaret.

Significant items of business to come before the voting body were the failure of the two proposed bylaws changes to pass and the election of I.S. Eddie Daffern, Past Potentate of Ben Hur Shrine and Past Commander of Ben Hur Legion of Honor as Eighth Lieutenant Commander. Noble Al Gonzalez, Past Commander of Arab Legion of Honor announced his candidacy for Eighth Lieutenant Commander in 2012.



Ron Lee

The Necrology Service was made memorable with vocals by local performers and the appearance of Phoenix, an American Bald Eagle from the Conservation Education Outreach Program at Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield, Missouri. She was presented by her handlers, Pam Price and Sue Schuble.

An unexpected highlight of the Installation/Banquet

was the discovery that one of the hotel's banquet staff had been a patient at one of our hospitals. Unfortunately I didn't get her last name but Kimberly was introduced to group and spoke briefly. As a baby, her doctors had declared that she would probably never walk, but the doctors at Shriners Hospitals for Children proved them wrong. As she said "Thank you, Shriners," there was hardly a dry eye in the house.

On to more mundane things like web sites, e-mail, yearbooks and flags. I would like to encourage everyone with access to the internet to visit our web site at www.ialoh.org. While it is a work in progress, I strive to keep all necessary forms available for easy access. Many of them can be filled in on line by our soft-

ware will not allow completed forms to be saved. Therefore, you need to print them before exiting. Some of the forms available are convention/wreathlaying registration forms, yearbook ad forms, Quartermaster's order form, and some regional Association forms. Please check it out.

Our Judge Advocate, I.S. Cy Kloner, P.P., has verified that communication with the units by e-mail is allowed under our bylaws. Therefore, I will be attempting to distribute as much official communication as possible via e-mail.

We continue to need every unit and every Noble to support the yearbook by sponsoring ads. The yearbook is a major means of support for the Association.

And finally, FLAGS! The addition of Temples in Puerto Rico and the Philippines (and probably Germany in July 2011) as created some confusion as to what flags are to be flown or used for color guard competition. Official IALOH guidance will be in the next issue of the newsletter but there is no need for any unit to rush out and buy several new flags at the present time.

I've gone on long enough and must close. Until next time...

Yours in the Faith,

Ron Lee

Happenings at TALOH...

During the recent Texas Association Legions of Honor Mid-Winter meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, the convention hotel was

also occupied by some 80 members of the U.S. Air Force Security Forces awaiting deployment to Afghanistan. The Airmen were

invited to observe the Drill and Color Guard competition and were impressed by the performances of our more mature "troops."



IALOH officers and staff, TALOH officers and staff, and competition participants from Al Amin, Ben Hur, Hella, Karem and Moslah Legions of Honor are shown with several members of a U. S. Air Force Security Forces unit awaiting deployment to Afghanistan.

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Imperial Sir John Cinotto, International Commander L. R. “Butch “ Arnold, and Imperial Sir Michael Severe with American Bald Eagle “Phoenix” and her handler, Sue Schuble . Phoenix was brought in as an effective and emotional part of the Necrology Service during the 2011 Annual Convention in Branson, Missouri.

Phoenix is from the Conservation Education Outreach Program at Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield, Missouri. For further information you can visit the Zoo's web-site at www.dickersonparkzoo.org.