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From the Commander's Desk...

Well the summer is upon us and where has the year gone?

I want to thank all of you that attended the Convention in Branson, MO for all of the support that you gave to the Jr. Past International Commander Butch Arnold and his Lady Debbie. Their hard work and that of Commander Butch's staff made it a fun time for all.

Lady Jennifer and I want to thank all of you that have supported us as we have gone through the International Line, it seems like just yesterday that we were in Las Vegas, NV running for office. Being elected to serve as your International Commander for 2011-2012 is an honor that I will not forget. We have made so many friends over these years that it is hard to put into words the way we feel. This is one of those times when saying thank you is just not enough.

After the convention and driving back home and putting things in some kind of order we hit the ground running. In April we attended a number of events in the DC/MD area for the Shrine and LOH. We ended the month at the MASA LOH in Reading, PA, what a good time with old and new friends. It was my honor to install the new officers for the year and to wish them well, I know that they will do a fine job.

May started off with a trip to SASA LOH in Williamsburg, VA. A great meeting, and a fun weekend. The election of their officers-elect for the year ran smoothly and I look forward to them being installed at the Fall SASA Session. At the end of the month Lady Jennifer and I went to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada for the Annual Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown. The Tunis Legion of Honour did an outstanding job of putting it together again this year, as well as their la-



Tony Murray

dies who put together the after-event refreshments.

Our Annual meeting at the Imperial Session in Denver, Colo. was well attended. All but four of our elected Int'l. Officers were able to attend. In addition there was over 75 LOH members and their ladies. It was a good feeling to go out and see the room full. I had the honor of presenting the Legion of Honor Charter to Al Rai'e Saleh, from San Juan, Puerto Rico. They had a number of members on hand, along with the Potentate and

Divan of Al Rai'e Saleh as well as the Grand Master of Masons for Puerto Rico.

At the Imperial Session, Emirat Shriners, UD in Hamburg, Germany was granted a Charter as Emirat Shriners. I met with Charsten Wienbreyer and the members with him, I informed them the IALOH has all of the paper work that they have submitted to be chartered as a LOH unit for Emirat Shriners and all is in order. I then informed them I would have the IALOH Adj. Ron Lee prepare a Charter UD for them which I would sign and see that it was sent to them to operate as a LOH Unit UD until the vote of the membership at the IALOH Convention in March 2012. Also at the Imperial session I was approached by Nobles from the Philippines. These Nobles would like to start LOH units in their Shrines. I instructed them to go to the IALOH website for all the information they would need to get started and if they needed any help to contact me. There are now two Shrine Centers in the Philippines, the first is Mabuhay Shrine in Manila, and now Agila Shrine, UD in Mindanao. I hope that they get the paperwork in as soon as they can so that we can review it at the November board meeting and have it ready for next March. Just a little note; On our flight home from

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The Crystal Ball

Looking at the Future...

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

CSSA LoH 2011 Convention
Overland Park, KS
01-03 September 2011

MASA LoH Fall Meeting
Virginia Beach, VA
09 September 2011

SASA LoH Spring Meeting
Pigeon Forge, TN
23 September 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

Things are still HOT in Texas! I must give an "Atta Boy" for our Dallas Maverick NBA Championship Basketball team. We are proud of them.

Before this heat wave hit, my Lady Sarabeth and I, along with my Chief of Staff Don Gibson and his Lady Jean attended the Texas Association Legions of Honor Mid-Winter meeting here in Fort

Worth, Texas. Outgoing Commander Pat James and his Lady Jean put on a great Mid-Winter. I want to take this time to congratulate the new officers Jim Hollis, Commander, Ben Hur Legion of Honor, Paul Sawyer, 1 Lt. Commander, Karem Legion of Honor, James Green, 2 Lt. Commander, Masket Legion of Honor and Richard Russell, 3rd Lt. Commander, Al Amin Legion of Honor. I know the Texas Association Legions of Honor will have a good year.

This was followed up with attending the Military Ball hosted by Hella Legion of Honor. Commander Jerry Williams and his staff really out did themselves. They had an outstanding dinner followed up with some great music. All who attended truly had a good time.

In June, we were off to that great city Amarillo, Texas for the Texas Shrine Association Meeting. Thank God for Air-Conditioning. All of us who attended sure enjoyed the real Texas breakfast Commander Jim Hollis and his Chief of Staff International 8th Lt. Commander Eddie Daffern, PP hosted. There were 78 members and guests present for this breakfast. I might add that International was well represented at the Texas Shrine Association meeting with me, 6th International Lt. Commander Gilbert Medina and 8th International Lt. Com-



Jack Tuomey

mander Eddie Daffern, PP. All of our Chief's of Staff were also there. I have to brag a little bit too, as Moslah Legion of Honor Drill Team was very successful during competition. They won a first in PAD competition, first in In-Line Inspection and a first in Parade.

A week later, my Lady Sarabeth and I, my Chief of Staff Don Gibson and his

Lady Jean and Texas Association Legions of Honor 1st Lt. Commander Paul Sawyer and his Lady Edith, attended the 75th annual Oil Bowl Football Classic in Wichita Falls, Texas. This game is played between the Texas High school senior all star football players and the Oklahoma High school senior all star football players. The proceeds from this game are shared between teams and the Shrine Hospitals. I hate to mention it again, but it was very hot. I sure felt sorry for the players, but certainly ap-

preciate their efforts, as it goes for a good cause. The Texas Boys won 17-13 in over-time. One fine football game! Prior to the game, Texas Association Legions of Honor 2nd Lt. Commander James Green and his Lady Gina, hosted a luncheon for the Legion Nobles who were attendance. I must say their luncheons are well worth the trip. We certainly appreciated their hospitality. I am really looking forward to next year's game.

I wish all of you a good summer. Remember if you have some activity you would like me to attend, please let me know and I will make every effort to be there.

Division 1 Temples are, Akdar, Bedouin, Hella, India, Isis, Khiva, Maskat, Midian, Mirza, Moslah, Sahara and Scimitar.

God Bless our Troops.

Yours in the Faith,
Jack Tuomey



Presentation of the colors at the 75th Oil Bowl Classic in Wichita Falls, Texas. Legion of Honor members taking part in the joint color guard, left to right, are International 1st Lt. Cmdr. Jack Tuomey, Moslah; TALOH 2nd Lt. Cmdr. James Green, Masket; PC Larry Brumbelow, Maskat; TALOH PC Don Gibson, Moslah; TALOH 1st Lt. Cmdr. Paul Sawyer, Karem,; and CDR Chuck Barrett, Maskat.

2nd Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Two

Greetings to all Legion Nobles and Ladies. We missed a couple of visitations since the last News Letter due to my broken shoulder (Motorcycle/Hard drive-way) thanks for the cards/ messages, etc. Several of you all responded to the note concerning yearbook ads, Thanks, we really needed them.



Woody Mitchell

Lady Judy and I attended the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) Spring meeting 28 April – 1 May, in Reading, PA. Congratulations to out going Commander Scott Miller and Lady Becky. PC Scott had a good year and he and Lady Becky put on an excellent affair. MASA is a strong, active Association and we wish Commander Eric Lohr and Lady Jamie the best for the upcoming year. Also congratulations to 2nd Lt Commander John DeLack and the 3rd Lt Commander, Kevin Fox. We were sorry to hear of the passing of Adjutant Bob Shriner's Lady

Pat and he was greatly missed. It was good to see PC Dennis Hagen again and doing so well after his 2nd surgery.

Chief of Staff Claude Meade, Chief Aide Don McBrayer and I along with our ladies and several others from El Hasa attended the South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA) Spring meeting 5 – 7 May at Williamsburg, VA. Commander

Marshall Whisner, Lady Guida and staff had a great convention. Congratulations to Commander elect Ill Sir Paul Daniels, El Hasa, and the other elected officers; they will be installed in September at Pigeon Forge, TN. We wish PC Don Super, Khedive, the very best as he steps down as SASA Adjutant in September. He has served the organization faithfully for several years.

Billy C. Evans, Assistant Chief of Staff and Ill Sir Don Hall and I attended the

International Legions of Honor meeting on 3 July at Denver, Colorado. International Commander Murray had a good meeting and one of the largest groups we have seen in recent years. It was great to see the Puerto Rico LOH get their new Charter. Congratulations to Commander Osvaldo Rodriquez and his staff, they are starting with 70 members.

Our next Association visitations will be SESA, GLSA and CSSA, and are hoping to get out to some Unit meetings. A quick update on Div COS Claude Meade, he fell off a ladder and has a fractured vertebra. He is in a back brace and the Doctor advised him against any long trips. We are all hoping he doesn't have to have surgery.

IT'S AN HONOR TO BELONG TO THE LEGION OF HONOR.

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

Yours in the Faith,

Woody

7th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Seven

Let me start out by saying, thank you for electing me to the 7th Lt Commander position at Branson. I am looking forward in receiving a new division this year and making new travel plans for visitation. Lady Pat and I had a great time in Branson meeting new friends. My highlight was presenting my selections for the Distinguished Service Awards to the Individuals for their outstanding service to the Legion of Honor. These men continue to work hard for their units as well as the International Legion of Honor. What a great time we had at the golf outing, by the way someone mentioned something about and individual being dressed funny on the golf course????? I missed that somehow!!!

Lady Pat retired 1 April and we spent the month of April at our getaway home at Kentucky Lake. We had a great time lounging around the trailer and doing some quality time fishing as well. We came back home in time to attend the

Shrine Circus and Pat and I did our thing by dressing up in our favorite dress attire---being a clown. For 5 shows we had as much fun as anyone can imagine. We enjoyed working at the circus for the kids, kids of all ages.

May 5th, we had an Antioch Legion of Honor carry-in, first one they ever had, and the ladies really enjoyed themselves. Most of May had me pretty much bed ridden. I hurt my sciatic nerve and I could not move around for three weeks. Don't want to have to go thru that again!!!! Roy and I and Lady Pat attended Murat Temple LOH on the 24 May as they visited the VA Hospital and handed out gifts to the veterans. It was a really moving experience for us all. May 28th we drove to Ottawa Canada for the wreath lying at the Canadian Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We had such a



Ray Combs

great time there and cannot wait to go back again.

June had us traveling to the Ohio Masonic Home for their Parade. The Parade of Flags was there and the Antioch LOH had their picture taken in front of the flags. The flags represent the military men and women, from Ohio, and who gave their lives for God and Country. May they rest in peace.

Now we are gearing up to drive to Denver Colorado, for the Imperial Session. Once we leave there, we will travel north to see a little bit more of our great country before coming back home, in time to go to El Hasa Shrine's Military Ball.

Ray

5th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Isn't it Great to be a Shriner? It's Feztastic!! This is Past Imperial Sir George Mitchell's favorite line, which describes the commitment and relationship to the beloved fraternity.

Spring has come and gone, and I expect that everyone is enjoying the summer vacations even though the hot days are with us.

On Thursday, June 2, 2011, TALOH's 3rd Lt Commander Richard Russell, his Lady Martha and I attended the Texas Shrine Association in Amarillo, Texas. During Texas Association Legion of Honor (TALOH) competition, we had four teams that participated in Color Guard competition. On Saturday, June 4, TALOH Commander Jim Hollis hosted a TALOH breakfast. Approximately seven Shrine Temples Divan Officers, TALOH Officers, Legion Nobles and there ladies attended the breakfast. Commander Jim Hollis conducted a brief meeting and provided some important announcements. Congratulations to Commander Hollis and his lady Barbara for a successful TALOH breakfast. The breakfast buffet was superb and the company excellent.

On Saturday, July 2nd thru 7th 2011,

my lady Nelda and I attended the 2011 Imperial Session of Shriners International in Denver, Colorado. Congratulations to our new Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Michael Severe and First Lady Patty wishing them a wonderful and successful year.

On Sunday, July 3, IALOH Commander Tony Murray held a meeting at the Imperial Session.

IALOH Officers that attended were 2nd Lt Cmdr. Woody Mitchell, 4th Lt Cmdr. Jim Pulley, 5th Lt Cmdr. Gilbert Medina, 6th Lt Cmdr. Morris Sykes, 7th Lt. Cmdr. Ray Combs and 8th Lt. Cmdr. Eddie Daffern. Also, in attendance were IALOH Past Commander Bill Bowser, PP, Past Commander Paul Baker, PP, and Past Commander Robert (Bob) Maxwell. During the meeting Commander Tony Murray and I presented the Charter to AL RAI'E SALEH Shrine Temple of San Juan, Puerto Rico Legion of Honor. Puerto Rico Shrine had approximately 20 Legion of Honor members and their Divan members in attendance. The AL RAI'E SALEH Shrine



Gilbert Medina

announcements and dates of our Arlington Ceremony/Convention and other events.

I would like to remind everyone that our Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony is November 3 – 6, 2011. Also, a registration & room reservation form and a registration check for \$10.00 per person must accompany the registration form. The form (available elsewhere in this newsletter) must be mailed to Raymond E. Coffey, 6014 Temple Star Road Ext., Kingsport, TN 37660.

Fraternally,

Gilbert Medina

Division Five

Temple of San Juan, Puerto Rico Legion of Honor accepted the Charter with honor and enthusiasm. After the Charter was presented, Commander Tony Murray welcomed them to the International Association Legions of Honor. Several pictures were taken with the Commander and the new Legion of Honor members. Immediately thereafter, Commander Murray proceeded with some important

From the Adjutant/Editor

Greetings once again. I'm happy to say that as I write this, our yearbook is going to press. We have received great support this year and I want to say "Thank You" to everyone who has sponsored an ad.

At the IALOH Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the Imperial Session, our newest unit was chartered. We welcome Al Rai'e Saleh Legion of Honor, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as a full fledged unit rather than as an adjunct to Abou Saad Legion of Honor in Panama.

As fall approaches, many of the units are preparing for drill team and color guard competitions. This brings me back to the



Ron Lee

subject of FLAGS! As expected, Emirata Temple in Germany received final approval, and that means yet another flag. However, there is still no official word from Imperial as to which flag that will be. For more news about the expansion of Shriners International, please see the related article taken from the "Shriners Village" web site.

I had hoped that we might be able to put out some official IALOH guidance in this issue but it looks like it won't be until after the Board of Directors meeting at Arlington. Just remember that there is no need for any unit to rush out

and buy several new flags at the present time. For those Associations that will be having Color Guard competitions in the near future, I'd suggest you check out the SASA LoH page of our web site. There is a link to the guidance they have provided for their member units.

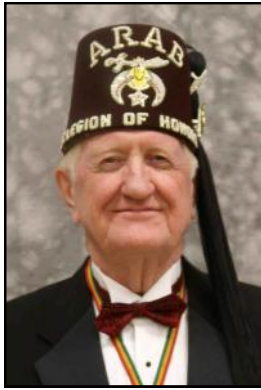
In closing, I would remind everyone that this newsletter is also available on our web site.

Yours in the Faith,

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

6th Lieutenant Commander's Message

As I write this article for the newsletter, Kansas City is being blessed with sunny days and a cool 76 degrees for June. I can walk across the street and look down the hill upon two miles of the Missouri River, which is still within its banks. Yet, only 40 miles north of here, you can water ski on I-29 Highway clear to North Dakota. West Texas and Arizona have been on fire for a month.



Morris W. Sykes

I have been taking in the usual events at my local Arab Shrine (Topeka, KS) and its Legion of Honor: the Potentate Ball, Stated Meeting, LOH Meeting, LOH Fund Raisers, and the Spring Ceremonial with 17 new Nobles. I joined a new club, the "Arab Shrine Swiners," and over 30 of us completed the Kansas City Barbeque Society course to become an official KC B-B-Q judge.

What have you been doing in the Northwest USA and Canada? I know that e-mail is working because I have received pictures from Gizeh LOH (Vancouver, British Columbia) and Al Shamal LOH (Edmonton, Alberta), but as President JFK would have said, "What are you doing for the IALOH and your LOH Unit?" Send me an email and let me know.

Chief of Staff Steve Suchsland and I traveled up to Korein LOH May meeting

at the Cheyenne Shrine Club (WY). The evening began with a Happy Hour followed by a great steak dinner with all the trimmings. There were four Shrine units dining together then meeting separately afterwards. I assisted Robert Bigelow and Past Commander Scott Withers in installing two new LOH members. On our trip to Cheyenne we stopped at Sesostris Shriners (Lincoln, NE) and Tehama

Shriners (Hastings, NE) for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

I made my fourth trip to Tunis LOH (Ottawa, Canada) to join their Wreath and Poppy Laying for Remembrance Day, on the Canadian's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I had the pleasure of Len Potechin picking me up at the airport and Ken Snider taking me back. The Rameses (Toronto, Canada) and Tunis Shriners really know how to make you welcome.

The next morning I attended the Abdallah LOH (Overland Park, KS) 23rd Annual Memorial Day observance at the Korean-Vietnam Memorial at Wyandotte County Lake. The program honors all veterans. The granite and bronze memorial, inscribed with the names of those who lost their lives in Korea and Vietnam, is in a beautiful setting on a hill surrounded by trees and overlooking the lake. This year, the bagpipers from

vice branch. You may see it again if you were there and for those of you who missed it keep your eyes open, you never know.

During August we plan to be in Louisville, KY for SESA; London, Ontario for GLSA LOH; PNSA in Butte, MT and in September; MASA in Virginia Beach, VA and finally SASA LOH in Pigeon Forge, TN. I have asked 1st LT. Cmdr. Jack Tuomey to cover CSSA in Overland Park, KS.

I hope to see many of you in November for the Annual Wreath Laying at the

Division Six

Ararat Shrine (Kansas City, MO) played Amazing Grace to start the program. Others participating in the program were Abdallah Potentate Nick Turner, Chaplain Garry Dial, Abdallah LOH Officers, and six Past Grand Masters of AF&AM of Kansas. Col. Michael Barbee from the U.S. Army War College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, gave the address. Past Commander Charles Siecgrist was Master of Ceremony. This is a great program that LOH members who live within driving distance should attend.

Arab LOH Flag Day Picnic was held at the Goodyear Plant Shelter House with 80 or so hungry Nobles and Ladies. This is the 23rd year that I churned three gallons of brown bread ice cream for the picnic. Some have told me not to come if I don't bring the homemade ice cream!

I will be traveling west through the Kansas wheat harvest to attend the IALOH and Imperial Annual Meeting in Denver. When you break bread or have your morning toast, give thanks to those hardy farmers and their families. Also say a prayer for all our Armed Forces men and women who are in harm's way around the world. Thanks to them, we can enjoy the great freedoms we have in North America.

Yours in the Faith,

Morris W. Sykes
mwsykes@kc.rr.com

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Denver we had to divert from the Washington DC/MD area because of bad weather. They sent the plane to Buffalo, NY to refuel and I just want to let all our friends up there know that I got to "Buffalo in the Summer Time" (NO SNOW).

As soon as we got back from Imperial and unpacked, it was pack-up again and off to Ashland, KY for the Military Ball. What a job by the members of El Hassa LOH, the way that they come up with a different program each year. This year they honored all veterans and each ser-

Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington VA. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. We do have rooms left but they will fill up fast, so don't be on the outside looking in.

If anyone has dates and events they would like for me to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. My COS and I hope to attend as many as we can.

Yours in the Faith,

Tony S. Murray, PP



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
LEGIONS OF HONOR**



**Commander's Luncheon
Arlington, Virginia
November 5, 2011**

Please join us in Arlington for the Commander's Luncheon immediately following the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The cost will be \$21.00 per person. We look forward to sharing this very special "Thanksgiving meal" with everyone. We will dine on turkey, dressing, and all the fixings with some delicious deserts. We hope you will be able to join the Nobles and Ladies who attend this very special event.

Deadline for Reservations is October 15, 2011

Please mail your reservation with your check made payable to

IALOH Arlington Luncheon

to:

Paul R. Daniels, Luncheon Chairman

2991 Ohio River Road

Greenup, KY 41144

All tickets will be available for pickup at the Registration Desk.

Please Note: The Hospitality Room **will not** be open during the meal.

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Registration Form

Commander's Luncheon, Arlington, VA, November 5, 2011

Name: (Please Print) _____

Shrine Center: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Number of persons _____

@ \$21.00 each = _____



REGISTRATION & ROOM RESERVATION FORM

Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony

November 3 - 6, 2011

Thursday - Sunday

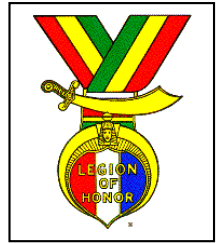
Head Quarters Hotel

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.

Priority will be given to guests staying longer than one day.

A registration check for \$10 per person must accompany this form in U.S. currency \$ _____ ; # of People _____ :

(NON REFUNDABLE)

RETURN COMPLETED ROOM FORM TO:

Raymond E. Coffey
6014 Temple Star Road Ext.
Kingsport, TN 37660

Phone: 423-349-7084
Cell Ph: 423-817-2316
e-mail: recoffey@chartertn.net

If you are arriving by bus, other than through a tour group, and will need parking permit, inform the Housing Chairman as soon as possible.

Reservations are guaranteed by Credit Card or your Group Coordinator's collective form of guarantee
A Cashiers Check or Money Order is to be made out To: IALOH, Raymond E. Coffey.

**** TO CHARGE INCIDENTALS TO YOUR ROOM & TO HAVE THE PHONE TURNED ON. A CREDIT CARD OR \$50.00 CASH MUST BE GIVEN TO FRONT DESK CLERK UPON ARRIVAL ****

ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS, CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES IN RESERVATIONS

MUST GO THROUGH THE HOUSING CHAIRMAN, RAYMOND COFFEY

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THE HOLIDAY INN IS A NON SMOKING HOTEL.

Please Print

Name: _____ Lady: _____ Shrine Center: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of Rooms needed large groups only: _____

Requests for certain rooms or room types are requests only. They are not guaranteed.

Guests will be charged from \$250-\$500 for smoking in non-smoking areas, including rooms.

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.

(KING BED EXECUTIVE) (TWO DOUBLE BED TRADITIONAL)
(ONE DOUBLE BED, WHEEL CHAIR ACCESABLE)

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Group Coordinators Name: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Credit Card: _____ Cashiers Check: _____ Money Order: _____

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: _____



Rameses Legion of Honour leads Spring Ceremonial Parade for Rameses Temple # 33 in Niagara Falls, Ontario in June 2011 . Left to right: Horace Danter, Peter Penner, Jim King, I.S. Randy Thompson, PP, James Cairns, Blair Smyth, in the blue coat is Norm Lawton, Steve Shirik, Rob Wigmore, name not available, Norm Lennart, and Mark Taylor.



Noble Blair Smyth of the Oshawa and District Shrine Club and the 1st Lt. Commander of the Rameses Temple #33 Legion of Honour congratulates his son Ryan, who has just received the first Durham Regional Police Youth Citizenship Award and Certificate. Ryan led the way with exemplary conduct, aiding the Durham Regional Police in an investigation at Harold Longworth Public School while in grade 8. The award was presented by Constable Stacey Sullivan at the Clarington sub station.

4th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Four

Greetings Legion Nobles and Ladies, Well, another quarter has passed. I can't believe how fast the year is going.

Lady Deb and I traveled to Ansar Temple in Springfield, Illinois to install their officers. I want to thank all the officers, the Potentate and the Divan for inviting us to their oasis. Lady Deb and I always enjoy our visits to Ansar.

Then it was off to Hadi Temple in Evansville, Indiana to present Bob Addington with his IALOH Distinguished Service Award since he could not make it to the convention. I want to take this time to say congratulations to Bob and to thank his lady Peg for supporting him throughout his years of dedicated service to the Legion of Honor. GLSA Legions of Honor Commander, John Smith and First Lieutenant Commander, Ken Morrey, P.P. were also in attendance. In all, it was a wonderful turn out. A special thanks to all of the Hadi Legion of Honor nobles for putting on this event and to the Potentate for allowing us into their oasis to present the award. Following the award presentation, I attended the LOH stated meeting, while Deb joined the ladies for their monthly meeting. We had a wonderful time, as we always do when we visit Hadi.

Our next trip was to Imperial. Commander Tony had a wonderful meeting set up on July 3rd. There was a wonderful turnout, including a number of the ladies, and we had a great time.

A very special part of the meeting at Imperial was the award of the charter to the LOH in Puerto Rico. Along with the Commander, at least 20 nobles were on hand from the Al Rai'e Saleh Shriners, including the Potentate, and the Grand Master of Puerto Rico to receive the charter. It was wonderful to welcome these new brothers into our organization. Thank you and welcome once again to the Legion of Honor.

Arlington is only four months away. I would like to see all of you there this year for Commander Tony and to recognize all of our fallen comrades. The wreath laying will take place at 1105 on November 5th. The service will begin at 0800. We are going to try and have the luncheon around 1300 or 1330. The cost of the luncheon is \$21.00 this year. You can find the application on the IALOH website. <http://ialoh.org/>. So, come on



Jim Pulley

out to Arlington and enjoy this great time of fellowship with old friends and new. If you have never been, you have been missing something that you will remember forever.

I would like to invite all the Commanders in the 4th Division to please send me invitations to your activities, so that Lady Deb and I can set up dates to come and visit. My units this year are:

Abou Ben Adhem, Ainad, Ansar, Ararat, Hadi, Kaaba, Mizpah, Mohammed, Moila, Moolah, Moslem, Murat, Saladin, Tebala, Tripoli, and Za-Ga-Zig. Also, feel free to contact me if you have any LOH issues or questions that you would like to discuss.

Finally, everyone needs to remember to think membership. Recruit—Recruit—Recruit. Remember "It's an Honor to Belong to the Legion of Honor".

Yours in the Faith,

4th Lt. Commander, Jim Pulley

8th Lieutenant Commander's Message

Division Eight

As with all of you, Lady Shari and I have been very busy since the last newsletter. Much of it related to Shrine/Masons and a good deal that didn't. I will limit this letter to activities relating to IALOH so as not to bore you or make it too long. The first really good news is that my Lady, Shari, will be retiring at the end of August after 34 years with the State of Texas. We are looking forward to having more time to travel in order to visit the temples and units in my territory and to make new friends.

Letters of Appointments have been sent and I have been receiving replies accepting the appointments. There is not a lot of effort required of individuals who are appointed as IALOH Aides for their units. Mainly, it is being my contact for that unit and keeping me informed of special activities and being the Ad Sales Chairman in your unit for the IALOH Annual Yearbook. Also, if your unit needs something from International, I can be your contact.

Concerning activities since the last newsletter, Lady Shari and I, along with



Eddie Daffern

Chief of Staff Jim Hollis and Lady Barbara and Warren Huckabee and Lady Anna from Ben Hur went to Dallas, TX to attend Hella Shrine's LOH at their Military Ball. It was an outstanding evening hosted by Commander Jerry Williams and his Lady Nancy. All members and Ladies of Hella LOH are to be commended for the great job they did and for their wonderful hospitality.

May 29th Ben Hur Shrine LOH presented a Veteran's Memorial Service at the Temple. My Chief of Staff, Jim Hollis, who is also the Commander of Ben Hur LOH along with myself, Charlie Bradford, PC, Warren Huckabee, PC and Past TALOH Commander, and new members Bill Chicky, Dr. Sam Stimpson and Tom Hauss, Ben Hur High Priest & Prophet, made very fine presentations. The Ladies provided the refreshments.

June 3rd, we were in Amarillo, TX for the Texas Shrine Association. We had a great time there and joined up with 1st Lt.Cmdr Jack Tuomey and Lady Sarahbeth and 5th Lt Cmdr Gilbert Medina. It was unfortunate his Lady, Nelda, could

not be there so we had to watch him carefully.

July 3rd, we were in Denver for Imperial and had the IALOH meeting at noon. It was led by our capable Commander Tony Murray. All, except two, of the Lt. Cmdrs were in attendance and there were also three Past International Commanders present. There were probably at least 80 Legion Nobles present. It was an excellent time to meet new friends and for the Commander to disseminate information on upcoming events. The next big event for IALOH is the Wreath Laying Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Check the website for details and registration forms. Those of you who attended the convention in Branson heard the speech by Illustrious Sir Jim Smith, Past Potentate of Ben Hur Shrine as he was a candidate for Imperial Outer Guard. I'm pleased to report that he was elected!

In the future I will try to keep the past itineraries to a minimum because I think there are more important issues we need to talk about. As always, we have several challenges in front of us, not only on the fraternal side, but also with the hospitals and I would like to start a dialogue and hear your opinions.

Yours in the Faith,

Eddie Daffern, PP



Newest IALOH Member Unit Chartered

Al Rai'e Saleh Legion of Honor was presented with their charter and welcomed as the newest unit of our Association at the Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo. Led by Commander Osvaldo Rodriguez, a large contingent of Al Rai'e Saleh members were on hand to receive the charter from Intl. CDR Tony Murray and 5th Intl. LCDR Gilbert Medina.

Al Rai'e Saleh members receive their charter. Standing, left to right: Nobles Jorge Pabon, Francisco Cuebas, William Rodil, Damian Planas, 5th Intl. LCDR Gilbert Medina, I.S. Jose J. Mulinelli (Al Rai'e Saleh Potentate), Marcos Fonceca, Commander J. Osvaldo Rodriguez, MWGM Victor Berrios, Candido Berrios, International Commander Tony Murray, Hernan Hernandez, Luis Davila. Rafael B. Acosta. Kneeling is Oscar Ortiz.

Shriners International Approves Addition of New Temple

The following article was taken from the Shriners Village web site to provide our readers with additional information about the upcoming growth in the fraternity. As noted elsewhere, a Legion of Honor unit has been formed at Emirat Shrine and forces are at work to form Legion of Honor units in the Philippine temples as well. — Editor

Shriners International is proud to welcome Emirat Shriners of Heidelberg, Germany, as its 194th temple. Emirat Shriners received its charter during the Imperial Session, which is being held in Denver July 3-7. In addition, legislation was passed allowing dispensation - one of the first steps toward forming a new temple - in Mindanao, The Philippines.

The Shriners fraternity is experiencing growth and interest worldwide. In its first year as a standing committee of Shriners International, the international develop-

ment committee was extremely busy. With the help of the dispensation and charter committee and the jurisdiction alliance, two new Shrine clubs were added in Puerto Rico and six Shrine clubs were added in The Philippines. Shrine Clubs were also formed in Brazil, Bolivia, Germany, Italy and Australia. There are now a total of 53 Shrine Clubs and 1,193 new Shriners overseas. There is



The flag of Emirat Shriners. Note the incorporation of the "ring of stars" symbolizing the European Community.

also growing interest in forming Shrine clubs in several other countries.

In order for these clubs to one day be chartered as a temple (if that is their wish), they must show a gain in membership and create nobles of the Master Masons who signed the petition required to obtain dispensation status, which lasts a year.

"I'm very excited about the international growth we've had this past year and I look forward to seeing membership to continue to thrive," said Past Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas, chairman of the international development committee. "The relationships developed overseas are an integral part of the fraternity's future and we look forward to adding another new temple at the 2012 Imperial Session in Charlotte, N.C."

Reflections...

Greetings to All International LOH Nobles,

During my recent trip to the Imperial Session in Denver, Colorado, (July 2-7, 2011), it was great to be with International Commander Tony Murray and all the Lt. Commanders and their Ladies. I have attended Imperial Sessions before, but this time, I had a threefold purpose.

The first was to represent AZAN Shrine, secondly to meet with the International Association Legions of Honor, and ultimately to support and participate with EMIRAT Shriners, the newly chartered European temple from Heidelberg, Germany.

Being raised as a Master Mason in Germany over 28 years ago, I have had the opportunity to participate in European Shrine Club (ESC) events for many years while being stationed in the Army Armor/Infantry there during the "Cold War" era. Witnessing the ESC receive their Charter as a Temple, I had a lot of reflections back on what it took to get to this status.

The European Shrine Club was formed many years ago; made up of American,

Canadian, and German Nationals, NATO, and other Masons, and was sponsored by Temples in Texas and California and others from the States. Many changes over the years have been made there, including the "draw-down" of troops and the Blue Lodges combining charters. Now, since the "Wall" that divided Europe is history, there were many from the old "Eastern Bloc" countries that were and are Freemason Brothers who are involved in the joining and the making of Emirat Temple. This is truly a historic event for Shrinedom.

It was and is a real milestone for them. This was a very long and toilsome mission for decades in the making. I have, over the years, attended Lodge meetings (some in mud and ice in a tent, on the DDR!) and was proud to have attended their very first business meeting in Europe. For several years there were many discussions; common currency payments from several different countries, many meetings to set a common language base for future meetings, and the many other factors involved in achieving Temple status. There will be other minor issues to overcome in the future but the Nobles will prevail.

Congratulations to their first Potentate, Ill. Sir Charsten Wienbreyer,

and their Divan which includes Most Worshipful Paul Curran, the Grand Master of the American/Canadian Grand Lodge and to all the Nobles and Brothers, both past and present, from around the world, for achieving this "Milestone."

That there will be a Legion of Honor is even more exciting!

Yours In The Faith,
Leonard Cywinski

Editor's Note: Leonard A. Cywinski is currently Commander of SESA Legions of Honor and Commander of Azan Legion of Honor in 2006. I appreciate his input that has provided background on this rather historic event.

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