

LEGION OF HONOR

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Special points of interest:

- CSSA LOH Mid-Winter Meeting
1 March 2008; Moila Shrine
- TALOH Mid-Winter
Fort Worth, TX
6-09 March 2008
- IALOH Convention Double
Tree Hotel; Colorado Springs,
CO. 23-27 April 2008
- Imperial Shrine Annual Meeting
St. Louis, MO. July 1-3, 2008
- CSSA LOH Convention August
28-31, 2008 in Oklahoma City,
OK
- Arlington Wreath Laying
8 November; Arlington, VA.



Meeting with Imperial Sir Bernard J. Lemieux M.D. at Arlington Wreath Laying. Talking about the Voluntary Annual Gift campaign.

There are two events that every Legion Noble should do, visit the Shrine Hospital for Children and the Arlington Wreath Laying on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Wreath Laying is always the highlight of my year.

I traveled to Isis LOH Unit in Salina on the 2 of November to Cmdr. Hicks meeting. Past CSSA LOH Cmdr. John Eveleth

present. Abbe Hicks ladies had a fine chili dinner. The next day found me at Tehama LOH the home of our IALOH Cmdr. Henderson. It was the Annual Hastings Veterans Day Parade and Tehama Fall Ceremonial. All the Masonic Bodies had a unit in the parade as well as the Big Red 1 from Fort Riley. Tehama LOH led the parade with two of their members driving the lead convertible with me in the back seat. Cmdr. Yates, Potentate O'Brien and Lady Lori rolled out the red carpet for me.

Two more Temples after Arlington in November. First was at Abdallah LOH with election of Officers and the Ladies has a fine dinner for everyone. On to Moolah Temple for their fall ceremonial. I traveled out to the Shrine Hospital with the new Nobles. This was my fourth time to visit the St. Louis Hospital. I have also visited the Shrine Hospital in Lexington, KY. That is race horse country. Ask me about the Children's horse races sometime.

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CSSA LOH Mid-Winter Meeting

Moila Shrine Temple

701 N. Noyes Boulevard; St. Joseph, Mo

0830 Hours Registration

0930 Hours Opening Business Meeting

1200 Hours Lunch

1300 Hours Business Meeting continues

Holiday Inn Riverfront Hotel

102 South Third Street; St. Joseph, MO

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On the 3 of December 2 Lt. Cmdr Carter and I visited Sahara LOH with Cmdr. Bassett and Cmdr. elect Buddy Gay. They treated us to brunch and the World's Best CHERRY PIE. The next night it is Abou Ben Adhem LOH business meeting.

The following week there were three Christmas parties but Arab LOH canceled because of ice. Abdallah LOH, home of 1 Lt Cmdr. Siecgrist and Lady Virginia, the party was on Friday night, with Potentate Smith installing the Officers They had a great spread of food for dinner. Saturday night found the First Lady and I in Air Force Country of India LOH at Tinker Air Force Officers Club with Cmdr. Greenberg and Lady Donna. Great party, great food and a great program. B-52 O'yes. Ask Cmdr. Dave about the decal on his SUV sometime.

January started with Arab New Years Breakfast. Next was

Arab LOH installation of Cmdr. Coffee and Officers. I flew out to Colorado Springs for the Al Kaly LOH installation of Cmdr. Swartz on Saturday the 12th. Breakfast Sunday with Potentate Stoner and the Al Kaly Mule Train Club "in the barn"!!!. Received a sneak preview of IALOH Cmdr. Henderson's welcome party for April 23. What a great host Cmdr. Swartz and Lady Marijke are. On to the # 1 Color Guard of CSSA LOH with Cmdr. Benton being installed at Abou Ben Adhem LOH. They have been invited to perform for Imperial in July at St. Louis. The end of the month it's off to El Jebel in Denver. My Aide for the day was Bob Stretch and Lady Wanda who picked me up at the Airport. El Jebel LOH Installation was at noon. This allowed those from Al Kaly LOH and older Nobles to get home that evening. Cmdr. Varner and Lt's. Gray and Stretch were installed by Potentate Fred Taylor. Then the program continued to the accepting or initiating Fred Ems into the Past Commanders Club. WHAT a memorable day this has been. Feb 2nd it's on to Tangier Commander's Fez Ball.

1st Lt. Commander Charlie Siecgrist, Message

The Annual Christmas Party for Abdallah Shrine Legion of Honor was held on December 14, 2007. The 2008 Officers were sworn in by Potentate Doug Smith. They are as follows: Bill Carrell, Commander; Randy Mahan, 1 Lt. Commander; Woody Colvin, 2 Lt. Commander; Pat Kelly as Adjutant and Ron Harger as Director. It was an honor to have CSSA Commander Morris Sykes and Lady Cindy in attendance.

I hope that everyone and their families had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The weather has been disagreeable for traveling.

With the convention in August of 2008 in Oklahoma City I trust that members have made reservations for rooms at the Crown Plaza, which Commander Sykes has set up for hospitality and Friday's events. We need to support Commander Sykes for his convention.

Final reservations are being made for September 10 thru 12, 2009 at the Radisson Airport, Colorado Springs at this time.

I am planning to visit some of your LOH meeting for the upcoming year.

Fraternally yours,
Charlie "Smokie" Siecgrist
CSSA 1st Lt. Commander

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This is the third year for the Central States Shrine Association LEGION OF HONOR Newsletter.

Your CSSA LOH Commander has been paying for it all, ink, paper, printing and postage. CSSA LOH membership is 1,640 X 4 X .41= \$2,689.60 that's why we have changed to only sending it by email and the web-page. www.cssa-loh.org - I am still mailing it to the Potentates in CSSA.

The SAD part is that the Commanders and the Adjutants are not utilizing the ability to communicate with all the LOH Units in CSSA by not sending any information. I will agree that a three month upfront is not easy. However the web-page can be updated daily if I have the information. *Talk to me— - - Morris*

2nd Lt. Jeff Carter, Message

Nobles:

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Now we are back in a busy time again, with all the Cmdr. Balls and Potentate Balls coming up. Please let us know when they are and if at all possible I will be there.

Oct.22 went to Ararat LOH Dinner Meeting. CSSA PC Morrow handed out their trophy from CSSA 07. Great job, Nobles!! Listened to live music from the 40's & 50's through a great dinner.

Oct 27 marched in the Pittsburg homecoming parade with the Mirza LOH & Nov 9 went to their Cmdr's Ball. Thank you, Cmdr. Casey. I had a wonderful time in your town.

Nov. 16 & 17 IALOH 3 Lt. butch Arnold, CSSA Cmdr Morris Sykes & I traveled to Moolah Temple for their Ceremonial

We were treated in the highest standards. Even had Miller Lite in their cooler. That's a big thing in St. Louis.

Nov 30 & Dec 1 at home for the Abou Ben Adhem Ceremonial.

Dec 3 Cmdr Sykes & I went to Mountain Home, AR to have brunch with our Noble brothers from Sahara LOH.

Please plan on coming to the Mid-Winter Meeting in St. Joseph, MO. Feb 29 & March 1. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Again please let me know of anything going on with your unit. I will do my best to be there or help.

CSSA 2nd Lt. Commander
Jeff Carter

Treasurer Jerry Rodman,

As your Finance Officer I sincerely thank every Legion of Honor unit and member that has helped me this last year. It was with your help that last year was a great success, and with your help again this year it will also be a success. By now your unit should have received your dues notice for this year. I would greatly appreciate your early response to the dues notice and please don't wait until the last minute to send them in.

Your CSSA Commander Morris Sykes has spent a lot of time and effort to insure that the 2008 Convention will be great.

Throughout the entire year we all need to support our CSSA Officers and units with our cooperation.

I know that winter has just started and spring is just around the corner. However, in just a few months the 2008 Convention will be here. Do your planning now and send in your money for the unit dues and make your arrangements for the coming convention activities. Remember, it's your Legion of Honor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rodman

Adjutant Ron Buchanan, Message; bucharo@tfmwireless.net

My how quickly 2007 went by. We are now in 2008. May it bring all of you good health and prosperity.

At this time Jerry Rodman and I are asking for all Commanders or Adjutants to send names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail information to me. You can e-mail, phone or write me.

It is imperative we receive this information so we can get information to you about CSSA upcoming events. Our next event is the Mid-Winter Meeting March 1, 2008 at 9 a.m. It will be held at Moila Temple, 701 North Noyes Blvd; St. Joseph, MO.

I need a list of your Delegates (two) and Alternate (one) by February 10, 2008. If your Adjutants have not received the form, it means I do not have the right address. So have your Adjutants let me know and I will send him another form. We are going to be discussing some by-law changes at the Mid-Winter Meeting.

Jerry, our Finance Officer, needs your dues check for 2008. Please send to Jerry ASAP.

Yours in the Faith,

Ron Buchanan
CSSA LOH Adjutant

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2007 Abdallah Shriners; Overland Park, KS

2007 Abou Ben Adhem Shriners; Springfield, MO

.....Abu Bekr Shriners; Sioux City, --No LOH

2007 Akdar Shriners; Tulsa, OK

2007 Al Kaly Shriners; Pueblo, CO

2007 Arab Shriners; Topeka, KS

2007 Ararat Shriners; Kansas City, MO

2006 Bedouin Shriners; Muskogee, OK

2007 El Jebel Shriner; Denver, CO

.....El Kahir Shriners, Cedar Rapids, NO LOH

2007 Hella Shriners; Garland, TX

2007 India Shriners; Oklahoma City, OK

Check the web-site calendar to see what
is happening. Go to www.cssa-loh.org
then click on calendar.

○ *2007 Isis Shriners; Salina, KS*

2007 Kaaba Shriners; Davenport, IA

2007 Midian Shriners; Wichita, KS

2007 Mirza Shriners; Pittsburg, KS

2007 Moila Shriners; St. Joseph, MO

2007 Moolah Shriners; St. Louis, MO

2007 Sahara Shriners Pine Bluff, AR

2004 Scimitar Shriners; Little Rock, AR

2007 Sesostris Shriners; Lincoln, NE

2007 Tangier Shriners; Omaha, NE

2007 Tehama Shriners; Hastings, NE

2007 Za-Ga-Zig Shriners; Altoona, IA

It is a Honor to be in the
Legion of Honor.

TO: