

LEGION OF HONOR

Commander Charlie Siecgrist, Message

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Special points of interest:

- CSSA LOH Convention Sept. 10-12, 2009 Colorado Springs, CO
- Arlington Wreath Laying November 6-7, 2009
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On February 14th my lady Virginia and myself attended Tangier's Commander's Fez Ball for the installation of Commander Bowman and Lady Tina. Other CSSA Officers who enjoyed the evening were 1st Lt. Commander Carter & Lady Susie and 2nd Lt Commander Dunham and Lady Ruthie. Also in attendance was 2nd Lt. Int'l Commander Arnold and Lady Debbie, his Chief of Staff, Kenny Miller, PC, and Lady Mary. The event was well attended by their own members and ladies. Entertainment was provided by one of their own, who is a DJ and had videos along with the music, which was very entertaining.

Our Mid Winter Meeting was held March 14th in Topeka, KS at Arab Shrine. I was very pleased with the number of members and ladies in attendance, approximately 45, with representation from nine different Shrines from Central States. The morning started with coffee and rolls at 8 a.m. and the meeting began@ 9:05 a.m. with prayer by Chaplain John Welch and The Pledge of Allegiance led by myself. The ladies were dismissed for

their morning of shopping. I told the members that I don't believe in long meetings. The business meeting was finished by 11:35, we were ready for lunch and the ladies re-joined us. In our business meeting we officially elected 2nd Lt. Commander Bill Dunham, Moila Shrine and 3rd Lt. Commander Donnie Bowerman from Tangier, Omaha. I invited 2nd IALOH Lt. Arnold to talk about the Arlington service and his convention which is planned for Branson, MO. Also CSSA PC Sykes announced he was a candidate for IALOH 8th Lt Commander. I would like to thank all of those who attended and CSSA Adjutant Buchanan for his assistance in making the arrangements for a successful meeting.

This weekend, April 18th, we will be attending the Commander's Ball at Moila Shrine in St. Joseph, MO.

I am pleased that all the CSSA Officers and their ladies are planning to attend the International Convention in Louisville, KY next week. We are looking forward to a nice time and meeting other members and their ladies. I want to thank Commander Reed for —Continued page #2—

CSSA LOH Convention

9 –12 September 2009

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Commander Charlie Siecgrist, Message

Installing me in Oklahoma City and I wish the best for the newly installed Commander Glenn and Lady Shirley.

If you have any events planned at your LOH unit or club, please advise me and I will make every effort to attend. My address, phone number and e-mail are all on the [cssa-loh](http://cssa-loh.org) web site.

Again, all the plans are made for CSSA LOH in Colorado Springs, CO for 10 — 12 September, 2009. Registration forms and detailed information may be obtained on www.cssa-loh.org or www.cssa2009.org sites. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally yours, Chas “Smokie” Siecgrist, Commander CSSA LOH

1st Lt. Commander Jeff Carter, Message

NOBLES:

February was a busy month. Feb. 7th went to St. Joe, MO. for their Pote's Ball. On the 14th we went to Omaha, Neb. for the LOH Commander's Ball, we were served a wonderful meal and then the DJ started the music with an entertaining video show. And on 21st in my home town Springfield, MO. for our Pote's Ball.

March 14th was LOH Mid-Winter over in Topeka, KS. We had a good turnout for the meeting. We are still trying to fine tune our bylaws. Any good ideas, please let us know. The ladies went shopping at an antique store while we had our meeting. When they returned we had a great lunch catered in (thanks,

Smokie). We voted in Bill Dunham and Lady Ruthie as the 2nd Lt. and Donald Bowerman and Lady Tina as our 3rd Lt. I am sure these two will make a great asset to our organization.

April 18th we attended the St. Joe LOH Commander's Ball. As always they rolled out the red carpet. We had a very nice meal, then laughed and danced the night away. Now we are on our way to Louisville, KY. for the IALOH Convention on the 22nd—25th.

Don't forget about CSSA in Colorado Springs in September. Start making your plans to attend.

CSSA 1st Lt. Commander

Jeff Carter

2nd L. Commander Bill Dunham,

Nobles:

They always say if you haven't heard a good rumor, start one....but I don't have to start one today because I have heard Za-Ga-Zig LOH unit/club has become very active again and added new members. Congratulations, gentlemen. And if CSSA line can be of any service to you, please contact us. For those that don't know me, I served as a temporary 2nd Lieutenant and was officially voted into that position at the mid winter meeting in Topeka in March. I will try to do my very best to serve up to your expectations. Anybody that does really know me knows I goof up every now and then, so please excuse me.

We recently had the opportunity to travel north to Tangier and met the new Commander, Don Bowerman and his lovely wife, Tina. I believe this was the time he was approached to become our 3rd Lieutenant Commander and Don was also elected at the Mid Winter Meeting. We are looking forward to working with you, Don.

April 18th was our pleasure to attend Moila's LOH Commander Ball. Commander Ken Holland and his lady, Dee, put on a fabulous evening with dinner and dancing. At the time of the writing of this letter, we

are motoring to Louisville, KY to attend the International LOH Convention where I will serve as a delegate for my LOH from Moila.

If I can be of any help to any club or unit within Central States, please contact me via email at brdunham@sbcglobal.net. I will do my very best to assist you in any way I can.

Bill Dunham

2nd Lieutenant Commander

3rd Lt. Commander Donald A. Bowerman, Message

When I was recently advised by Past CSSA LOH Commander Morris Sykes, the editor of our newsletter, that I would be required to submit quarterly articles to the newsletter, I immediately scanned those that were on file on our website. I was looking for ideas on what to include in my first article as the new 3rd Lt. Commander. Seeing nothing that jumped out at me, I first thought of submitting my Grandmother's homemade potato soup recipe.. Nobody had done that before. I thought about waxing poetic and philosophical, but I would be forcing friends of mine like Larry Poffenbarger, Don Madsen, Dan Daniels, and others to spend too much time in the dictionary!!! Poor old Smokie is asking himself right now, "What's he talking about, Virginia?" Finally, I decided to simply write and say that I am honored and not-the-least-little-bit humbled by both the task and the years that lie ahead of me. Twenty-five years ago when I first became a Mason, Scottish Rite Mason and Ararat Shriner, all in the space of about three months, I had no idea what the future held for me in this new worldwide fraternity I had just joined. Truth be told, it held little because I gave it little...shoot, I gave it nothing, Nobles. My career, like Commander Smokie's, was in law enforcement and I let it and Monday Night Football and off-duty jobs and pure unadulterated complacency keep me from attending anything, let alone becoming involved. Even four years after I retired in 2002, I still was just paying dues and not doing anything else to contribute. Then one day, I saw a man with a Masonic ring and one thing led to another and to another, and today I am Master of my Blue Lodge, Commander of the Tangier Shrine Legion of Honor, the Tangier Shrine Samsar (Membership Chairman...yes, you read that right), and now I am the 3rd Lt. Commander of the

Central States Shrine Association—Legions of Honor. I am not trying to pat myself on the back, please do not misunderstand my intent in writing those things. What I am saying is that I have found a wonderfully old and, yet, new home and I am loving every little thing and every little or big activity and every person I have met and am meeting in this fraternity I joined that seems like an eternity ago. My only regret is that I did not know all this twenty-five years ago, that I did not listen to those who kept calling and inviting me to various Masonic activities. Well, Brothers, you can't keep either me or my wife, Tina, away now. And make no mistake, she loves every bit of Masonry, as well, and is active in everything in which she can participate within our fraternity. She has supported me every step of the way and, for that, I am and will be forever grateful.

So, Nobles, my first article as the new 3rd Lt. Commander is all about this: I pledge to all of you my full energies, my full attention, and my full commitment to make our organization the best that it can be. But neither I nor any of the officers elected by you can do any of it WITHOUT you and the help you can provide. If you haven't pulled the chain on that light bulb hanging over your head, do it now, if not sooner; I am so glad that I finally did. I want to close with a quotation I chose many years ago as my life's motto: There are only two ways to climb a tree—you can choose to climb it limb by limb, or you can choose to sit on an acorn... and wait.

The proverbial ball is in my court, in your court, and in our court. See y'all at Colorado Springs!!!

Fraternally,

Donnie B

Editor, Morris Sykes; Message

I want to take this time to offer my congratulations to Commander Bill Glenn and all the newly elected officers of IALOH. I also want to thank everyone who voted in my obtaining the 8th Lt. Commander position of the IALOH organization.

The 8th Division units/clubs this year are in the SESA area of the following states AL, AR, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN and European Shrine Club, Heidelberg, Germany.

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My favorite bible verse is Matthew 7:7. I call it the ASK verse. Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it will open. I asked to be the 8th Lt. Commander; I am seeking your support; I knocked on the IALOH door and it opened to me.

Hope to see all of you in Colorado Springs, for the CSSA LOH Convention. Come travel with me in the 8th Division. Yours in the Faith, *Morris Sykes, editor* ———

Adjutant Ron Buchanan, Message; bucharo@ksbroadband.net

Hello from the Adjutant.

Thanks to all who attended the mid-winter meeting in Topeka, Kansas. It was a big success. We had forty-five Nobles attend, plus the women.

We elected Bill Dunham 2nd Lt. Commander and Donald "Donnie" Bowerman 3rd Lt. Commander. Welcome Nobles to the CSSA line.

Hope to see you in Colorado Springs in September. For more information contact Ron Buchanan at bucharo@ksbroadband.net or 785-554-5225.

Yours in the Faith,

Ron Buchanan

Treasurer Jerry Rodman, Message

No message received this quarter.

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2009 Abdullah Shriners; Overland Park, KS

2008 Abou Ben Adhem Shriners; Springfield, MO

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

2008 Akdar Shriners; Tulsa, OK

2009 Al Kaly Shriners; Pueblo, CO

2009 Arab Shriners; Topeka, KS

2009 Ararat Shriners; Kansas City, MO

2006 Bedouin Shriners; Muskogee, OK

2008 El Jebel Shriener; Denver, CO

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

2009 Hella Shriners; Garland, TX

2008 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.

2008 Isis Shriners; Salina, KS

2009 Kaaba Shriners; Davenport, IA

2008 Midian Shriners; Wichita, KS

2008 Mirza Shriners; Pittsburg, KS

2008 Moila Shriners; St. Joseph, MO

2008 Moolah Shriners; St. Louis, MO

2007 Sahara Shriners Pine Bluff, AR

2004 Scimitar Shriners; Little Rock, AR

2008 Sesostris Shriners; Lincoln, NE

2008 Tangier Shriners; Omaha, NE

2009 Tehama Shriners; Hastings, NE

2007 Za-Ga-Zig Shriners; Altoona, IA

It is a Honor to be in the
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