

## LEGION OF HONOR

## Commander Charlie Siecgriest, Message

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## Special points of interest:

- Arlington Wreath Laying; November 8, 2008; Arlington, VA.
- TALOH Mid Winter; March 5-8, 2009 McAllen, Texas
- CSSA LOH Mid-Winter Meeting March 14, 2009 Topeka, KS
- IALOH 78th Convention April 21-26, 2009; Louisville, KY.
- CSSA LOH Convention Sept. 9-10-11, 2009 Colorado Springs, CO

## COMMANDERS NOTES

I would like to thank PC Sykes for volunteering to continue the quarterly newsletter.

At the end of September Finance Officer Rodman, 1st Lt. Cmdr of Abdallah's LOH Pat Kelly, myself and our ladies traveled to Colorado Springs to finalize plans for the 2009 CSSA LOH Convention. The Radisson Airport, Colorado Springs, CO will be the location for LOH activities and housing accommodations. A block of rooms has been set aside for LOH and reservations can now be made through Melinda Jackson, her direct number is 719-572-1451 and specify LOH reservations. The cost of rooms are \$109.00 plus tax, which includes a full buffet breakfast each morning. Our hospital-ity room will be #128 and the rooms set aside for LOH will be in the adjoining area. We also have made plans for a Thursday evening get together for dinner at Solo's restaurant, which is located at the corner of the hotel parking lot and is in walking distance. It is an old KC-97 plane which is full of memo-

abilia, cost is pending at this time due to some undecided CO legislation. Friday, September 11th all the events will be at the hotel, competition, necrology, lunch, business meeting and banquet. Forms will be available early in 2009 for making those reservations. The cost for the luncheon will be \$25.00 per person and banquet cost will be \$40.00 ea. Or total cost per couple for both is \$130.00.

While in Colorado Springs we were able to meet with Al Kaly's Commander Billy Swartz, some of his officers and members on the upcoming plans for convention. The CSSA President, Dave Stevens, also joined us. The web-site is [www.cssa2009.org](http://www.cssa2009.org)—find LOH under units.

Myself and Virginia attended the LOH dinner and meeting of ARAB Shrine in Topeka on October 14th. They had approximately 80-90 in attendance and lots of good food. We enjoyed their hospitality.

We plan to attend LOH Christmas Parties at ISIS in Salina and Midian in Wichita early in December. Continued page #2

## Arlington Wreath Laying

6, 7 &amp; 8 November 2008

Holiday Inn Rosslyn

is the Headquarters Hotel

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## Continue from first page. **Commander Charlie Siecgrist**

The Abdallah LOH Christmas Party will be December 13th, Commander Carrel will be taking reservations, 913-642-7083. I will be attending other units and clubs between now and when the next newsletter comes out.

There will be a mid winter meeting March 14, 2009 at ARAB Shrine in Topeka with meeting starting at 9:00 A.M. There will be a catered lunch at \$12.00 per person. Please plan to attend and RSVP by March 6th 2009. Coffee & donuts will be at 8:15 A.M.

We have made plans to attend the IALOH Convention in Kentucky in April 2009.

Virginia and I would like to wish each and every member, their ladies, families, and also all our service men and women serving our Country a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chas. "Smokie" Siecgrist  
Commander. CSSA LOH  
"United We Stand"

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## 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Carter, Message

No article was received this quarter.

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## 2ndLt. Commander- - - - - , Message

No Noble from any Legion of Honor Unit was a candidate for 2nd Lt. Commander.

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### Editor, Morris Sykes; Message

Congratulation Charlie Siecgriest on being elected Commander of CSSA LOH for the year 2008 - 2009.

I am looking forward to working with you and CSSA LOH as the Editor of the Newsletter and Web-site [www.cssa-loh.org](http://www.cssa-loh.org) this year.

I want to thank all the CSSA LOH Units that utilize the two Publications as ways of communicating with their Nobles.

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I have enjoyed the past three years working with the Central States Shrine Association and Legion of Honor Units. I again want to thank all of the Units for their HOSPITALITY and looking forward to receiving an invitation to your Unit's events this year again.

Yours in the Faith, *Morris Sykes, editor* \_\_\_\_\_

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## Adjutant Ron Buchanan, Message; bucharo@ksbroadband.net

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

5 NOVEMBER 2008,

I WOULD APPRECIATE IF SOMEONE WOULD SEND ME A LIST OF THE NEW OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2009. MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IS

[BUCHARO@KSBROADBAND.NET](mailto:BUCHARO@KSBROADBAND.NET)

I HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF YOU IN ARLINGTON NEXT WEEK. IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN ARLINGTON, ARAB LEGION OF HONOR WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 25th ANNIVERSARY HERE IN TOPEKA ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008 FROM 2:30 TO 5:30. ARARAT BIG BAND WILL BE PLAYING.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE MID-WINTER MEETING MARCH 14, 2009 IN TOPEKA, KANSAS STARTING AT 9:00 AM, BRING YOUR LADIES.

THANKS TO PC MORRIS SYKES FOR CONTINUING THIS LINE OF COMMUNICATION.

YOURS IN FAITH

RON BUCHANAN

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## Treasurer Jerry Rodman, Message

CSSA 2008 will be coming to an end as we conclude the last quarter of 2008. What a year, I would like to take this time to thank Past Commander Morris Sykes and each and every noble for the support you gave me during this year. It's an honor to be your Finance Officer.

Congratulation to Commander Charles (Smokie) Siecgrist, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Carter and Adjutant Ron Buchanan. It will be a great year with our new CSSA Officers. However, we all need to support our CSSA Officers throughout this year. It will only be as great as we make it.

The 2008 Convention was great because of your support and cooperation. I appreciate your support and cooperation.

The finance books for this year are now closed and we are starting the coming year.

I will be sending out the dues notices in January, it would be a great help if every LOH unit or club would send their dues early.

In closing I wish everyone "Happy Holidays" and a Prosperous New Year for 2009.

Jerry Rodman  
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*2008 Abdallah Shriners; Overland Park, KS*  
*2008 Abou Ben Adhem Shriners; Springfield, MO*  
*.....Abu Bekr Shriners; Sioux City, --No LOH*  
*2008 Akdar Shriners; Tulsa, OK*  
*2008 Al Kaly Shriners; Pueblo, CO*  
*2008 Arab Shriners; Topeka, KS*  
*2008 Ararat Shriners; Kansas City, MO*  
*2006 Bedouin Shriners; Muskogee, OK*  
*2008 El Jebel Shriners; Denver, CO*  
*.....El Kahir Shriners, Cedar Rapids, NO LOH*  
*2008 Hella Shriners; Garland, TX*  
*2008 India Shriners; Oklahoma City, OK*

○ *2008 Isis Shriners; Salina, KS*  
*2007 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*  
*2008 Tehama Shriners; Hastings, NE*  
*2007 Za-Ga-Zig Shriners; Altoona, IA*

Check the web-site calendar to see  
what is happening. Go to [www.cssa-loh.org](http://www.cssa-loh.org)  
then click on calendar.

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

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