

LEGION OF HONOR

Commander Farrell Morrow, Message

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Special points of interest:

- CSSA LOH Convention 30th August—1st September 2007
- Arab / CSSA LOH, 2nd Family Picnic 22nd September 2007
- Arlington Wreath Laying, 10 November 2007
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- If you would like your LOH Unit meeting listed here, Please pass the information to the EDITOR

Thank you, Nobles.

CSSA 2007 is coming to an end. What a year. What a wonderful way to enjoy the fellowship with the best fraternity in the USA. Thank you for making it happen.

Get your reservations in and get a good seat at the table. The deadline has been moved to August 15 for registration of \$50.00. After, it goes to \$60.00. To clear the air and ease your minds, this pays for the lunch and dinner. Everything is going to be held in the convention center. Yep, NO OUTDOORS for this year. Air-conditioned. The LOH registration is in the Ararat LOH hospitality room Marriott Downtown. Please join us August 30, 31 and September 1.

I'd like to take this time to thank each and every Noble for their support you gave my outstanding officers and me. You have made me a very Proud Commander. We

have traveled many miles and have met many wonderful and devoted Brothers and Ladies.

We, veterans, stick together. A fighting force of one. We welcome back two LOH Units into our CSSA and International family. This makes me feel good that we are still one. We never win a war by ourselves and we won't exist standing apart. Please, everyone, join in and keep us together.

Thank you again for your support and give the upcoming officers your support as you have me.

May the Lord watch over all of us and drive safe to and from this CSSA Convention.

Farrell Morrow

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CSSA Commander 2006 - 2007

CSSA Legion of Honor Convention at

Downtown Marriott Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.
August 30 through September 1, 2007.

Commander Farrell Morrow Banquet 31 August 2007.
Meetings start at 900 hours with Flag competition.

CSSA—ARAB Legion of Honor Family Picnic and Bar-B-Que at Bybee Cabin south of Topeka, Saturday 22 September 2007, 1500 to 1900 hours. See flyer. Make reservations with Ron Buchanan 785-554-5225 or Morris Sykes 816-260-9072.

1st Lt. Commander Morris Sykes, Message

The month of May has been a very busy month. It started off with the IALOH 76th Annual Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Our own CSSA PC Dr. Gary Henderson was elected to Commander. He announced that his Convention next year will be in Colorado Springs, CO. on the 23—27 of April. Jim Pulley from the Great Lakes Shrine Association LOH was elected 8th Lt. Commander. Harvey Miller retired as Treasurer and Pete Phillips was elected Treasurer.

I missed Arab Shrine Spring Ceremonial with my oldest Granddaughter graduating from Kansas State University.

The third week of May found me traveling to Arkansas and Nebraska. First I visited Sahara Temple in Pine Bluff where I just missed Potentate Waring but had a nice visit with him on the phone, where I found out the LOH Officer live at Mountain Home. The next day I had lunch with Commander Bassett and several other members. Commander Bassett is a retired Fire Chief from Chicago.

Now going down to Scimitar I received a grand tour of Masonry in Little Rock by 1st Lt. Cmdr Oliver who is also Grand Senior Deacon of Grand Lodge F & AM of Arkansas. We toured the Grand Lodge Building. Executive Secretary Robert Spangler of the Scottish Rite led the tour of their building where I was introduced to Dwane Treat, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Orient of Arkansas. That evening at Scimitar's beautiful Temple I attended the LOH meeting.

Saturday night it was up to the Moila LOH Commander's Ball of Cmdr Dan Craig and Lady Terri.

It was up early Sunday and on to Omaha. This was Tangier's LOH 50 year date of their CSSA Charter. This was a grand day for Past Potentate Donald Madsen who is LOH Cmdr this year.

All you navy men should have heard the Memorial Tribute given by Larry Poffenbarger.

May 26 was my Grandson Jeromie Lassen's funeral. I want to thank all the LOH nobles and wives who were there and sent cards.

Memorial Day was my first attendance of the 19th annual Memorial Day Observance by Abdallah LOH at the Korean-Vietnam Memorial at Wyandotte County Lake in KC, KS.

Arab LOH Cmdr Miller held their Flag Day Picnic on Tuesday 5 June with the usual mid week turn out at the Goodyear Rubber Company Park.

It was then time to travel down Saturday to Abou Ben Ahdem's LOH Flag Day Bar-B-Que. Cmdr Bill Fee grilled the steaks and with all the fine baskets of food the ladies prepared it was a very enjoyable day. The afternoon was followed by their FUN FUND raising auction. There was a lot of good nature ribbing between two past CSSA Commanders, IALOH Lt. Cmdr Arnold and Dr Gibson.

It's back across the Missouri River again to Ararat LOH where Cmdr Collins received the CSSA Officers, both Lt. Cmdrs and Commander Morrow. Cmdr Morrow is a PC of Ararat LOH. Cmdr Morrow reported on the work his unit is responsible for at his Banquet on 31 August.

Commander Morrow took his two Lt. Cmdrs to Sesostri LOH where we had lunch with Potentate Nelson, Cmdr Starcher, Adjutant Gibson and others. After touring the future Temple then we returned to attend their meeting in the existing Temple.

Hope to see all of you in Kansas City at Commander Morrow's Convention and Banquet.

Editor Morris Sykes, Message; mws55kc1@kc.rr.co

This is the second year for the CSSA Newsletter. I am still looking for the CSSA Commanders and Adjutants to send me some input from their Legion of Honor Unit.

Well, the US Postal Service has raised the rate again!!!!!!!!!!!! I, as well as all Masonic Associations, need their memberships e-mail address, to cut the cost of communication. Will you ADJUTANTS collect these email addresses and forward them on to me, PLEASE?

When you change, your e-mail carrier, please let me know. I have over 40 e-mail addresses that have been returned.

The cost to print, fold, tape and postage is over 50 cents each. With 4 mailings a year, that is \$2.00 per member of the 22 LOH Units in the CSSA LOH.

Your suggestions are welcome. PLEASE ———
Notify the editor of all errors and omissions

2nd Lt Commander Charlie Siecgrist, Message

I hope that none of you were severely affected by all the recent heavy rains and storms this summer.

On June 1st and 2nd myself and Virginia attended the Spring Ceremonial at Abou Ben Adhem in Springfield, MO. I visited with a lot of their LOH members and was received very warmly by them.

My travel on June 25 took me to Ararat LOH meeting with Cmdr Morrow and Lt. Cmdr Sykes.

June 28th CSSA Commander Morrow, 1st Lt. Cmdr Sykes & myself had lunch with Potentate Bill Nelson and several LOH Members of Sesostris Shrine in Lincoln, NE. We also attended their Legion of Honor meeting later that evening. With our visit there, the Legion of Honor voted to rejoin the CSSA LOH. We would like to thank them for reinstating themselves. The Commander and members were honored

that all three officers made a personal visit to their Unit.

I hope that you will be able to attend the CSSA LOH event to support our current Commander Morrow and Lt. Cmdrs Sykes and Siecgrist for progression of the line. We will be electing a new 2nd Lt. Cmdr at the Convention.

As I travel the State of Kansas with the Grand Master, Jimmie L. Grassi, Sr, I remind all Master Masons and Shriners to support the Troops serving out Country around the world and keep them in their prayers that they will return home safe.

Fraternally,

Charlie "Smokie" Siecgrist
2nd Lt. Commander CSSA

Treasurer Jerry Rodman, Message

Time flies when you are having fun. It seems like just yesterday I became your Finance Officer and now in just a few weeks, my three year term ends. It has been an honor to serve as your Finance Officer. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

With CSSA 2007 Convention just a few weeks away, I wish to say a few words. First, I sincerely thank every Legion of Honor that has sent in their CSSA dues and for those that haven't yet, Please don't wait until the last minute to send in your dues.

I remind everyone to send in early for your Luncheon and Banquet tickets. There seems to be some confusion on the

amount to send, just send the amount for your Luncheon and Banquet reservations only. The tickets will be handed out at CSSA in the hospitality room.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone again. As in the past I have enjoyed talking to many of you in person and on the phone. Please feel free to call me (620-665-6278) or e-mail me (grodman1@cox.net) if you have any question on your CSSA dues or Luncheon and Banquet tickets.

I am really looking forward to a great Convention with all our brethren, Officers and CSSA Commander Farrell Morrow.

Adjutant Ron Buchanan, Message

Hello from your Adjutant;

The Central States Shrine Association is coming up August 30th, 31st and September 1. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. Your Commander and Adjutant have the Registration Forms or you can e-mail me at (bucharo@tfnwireless.net) and I will send them by return

mail. Adjutants if you have your Black Camel List you can send it to me at the above e-mail and I will get them ready for our ceremonial.

Don't forget the CSSA and ARAB Legion of Honor picnic on September 22, 2007 at 3 pm. It is always a great picnic. Morris makes the greatest ice cream.

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2007 Abdallah Shriners; Overland Park, KS

2007 Abou Ben Adhem Shriners; Springfield, MO

*.....Abu Bekr Shriners; Sioux City, IA--**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, IA - **NO LOH***

2007 Hella Shriners; Garland, TX

2007 India Shriners; Oklahoma City, OK

2007 Isis Shriners; Salina, KS

2007 Kaaba Shriners; Davenport, IA

2006 Midian Shriners; Wichita, KS

2006 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

* -- When you find an * after a Temple address, look for an their event happening in the newsletter or an attached flyer.

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