

LEGION OF HONOR

Commander Charlie Siecgrist, Message

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- CSSA LOH Convention Sept. 10-12, 2009 Colorado Springs, CO
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This will be my last news article as Commander of CSSA Legion of Honor as my year will end 11 September 2009. I look forward to working with 1st Lt. Commander Carter in the coming year. I would like to thank 8th Int'l Lt. Commander Sykes for continuing the newsletter and hope that he will continue it in the following years.

On May 25th Abdallah Legion of Honor held our annual Memorial Day Service at Wyandotte County Korean/Vietnam Memorial. We had very good attendance and the weather cooperated better this year. In June myself and Finance Officer Rodman along with our ladies attended Abou Ben Adhem's

Ceremonial. We rode in the parade and visited with many of the LOH members.

July 7th Virginia and I attended Tangier's LOH meeting in Omaha. They hold their July meetings at the Surf Side Club on the banks of the Missouri River, the chicken, channel cat and corn fritters were outstanding. We were introduced and I personally presented Donnie Bowerman with his 3rd Lt. Commander CSSA Medallion.

We were invited to attend the annual picnic of Al Kaly's LOH in Colorado Springs on July 26th. They had a good attendance, lots of wonderful food and we were nearly done eating when the afternoon rain —

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CSSA LOH Convention

9 –12 September 2009

Colorado Springs, Colorado

The old way may need to come back!!!

Something to talk about at the CSSA LOH Business meeting. Some Commanders have been having a hard time getting a Hotel at CSSA after the Potentate get theirs. A lot of other Associations have the Convention at their mid-winter meeting and install their officers then. The Commander then could have his Convention in his home town NOT 300 to 800 miles away. The Commander's Potentate could attend your Convention and you could go to the events of the Potentates at the CSSA Convention usually Labor Day Week end. THINK ABOUT IT, TALK IT UP.....

Commander Charlie Siecgrist, Message

Showers arrived. Fortunately it is held at a private home and there was room to take cover. Commander Gray and lady Ginny from El Jebel were also in attendance.

We are planning to attend Tangier's LOH picnic on August 8th.

Remember to get your reservations to Finance Officer Rodman for the CSSA festivities (welcome party Thursday night at Solo's, the KC-97, and Friday's luncheon and evening banquet) at the Radison Airport Hotel by 20 August 2009. The unreserved hotel rooms (held for LOH) will be given up August 11th, so you still have time to make a reservation there for convenience. We are looking forward to a wonderful convention, as the hotel accommodations are outstanding. All the functions will be held right there and you should have an enjoyable time. We are honored that our evening banquet speaker will be M W Brian Cotter, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

We met yesterday morning with the Managers of the Radison to finalize plans for the convention. They are looking forward to serving us and making our CSSA LOH Convention special. If you need forms you may locate them by going to www.cssa2009.org then to Legion of Honor and on to 2009 Convention forms.

My lady and I plan to attend Arlington this year and have also made reservations for 2010 International Convention of Commander Glenn and Lady Shirley in Chattanooga, TN.

Please remember to keep the men and women of our Armed Services both home and abroad serving our country in your prayers so they may return home safely. Remember my slogan "United We Stand".

If anyone has a question, please feel free to call or write.

Fraternaly yours,
Charles "Smokie" Siecgrist
CSSA LOH Commander.

1st Lt. Commander Jeff Carter, Message

No article received as of 5 August 2009

2nd L. Commander Bill Dunham,

No article received as of 5 August 2009

3rd Lt. Commander Donald A. Bowerman, Message

A mighty big Howdy from the Great State of I-o-way (that's the one on the RIGHT side of the river from Nebraska!!!). It has been a tremendously busy time up here since we last talked; my Blue Lodge, where I serve as Master, has been doing some exciting things while bringing in several new Brothers; the Scottish and York Rite Bodies have been busier than ever with various philanthropic events; and Tangier Shrine has been an absolute beehive of activity, both charitable and all those fun types of things for which we Shriners are so well known. Throughout it all, the Legion of Honor Unit of Tangier, where I am Commander this year, has been having a wonderful and very prosperous year thus far — outstanding parade and circus turnouts, new members and highly successful revenue-generating events. Our LOH Unit had a visit from our CSSA boss in July and we hope he and his Lady

Virginia had a memorable time as we entertained them at this quaint little catfish and chicken restaurant on the Missouri River. It appears that Tangier Shrine is going to have a very respectable contingent of LOH members show up for the CSSA convention in Colorado Springs and I am quite excited about it. I trust that we will have an equally good turnout from all our brother units throughout the Central States Shrine region. I know our Commander Smokie has put together a great program and I am really looking forward to sharing some fun times and great fellowship with everyone who attends. My Lady Tina and I look forward to seeing y'all at Colorado Springs!!!

Fraternally,

Donnie B

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This is the HIGHLIGHT TIME of Legion of Honor for me. The Labor Day Weekend and CSSA Legion of Honor Convention.

My travel as the bottom 8th Lt. Commander of the IALOH has been fun, interesting and educational. IALOH Commander Glenn assigned me the units in both SASA and SESA area of the following states AL, AR, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN and European Shrine Club, Heidelberg, Germany.

The Imperial Session in San Antonio this year turned out as many wanted it but now it is time to act like a business. We can not continue to lose 200 million dollars a year. We did add two new Temples out of the country spreading our International wings, Philippines and Puerto Rico.

International Commander Glenn stressed communication in his orientation letter to the IALOH Lt.

Commanders this year. That has been my theme ever since I went on the CSSA line, the Newsletter and the Web-site. That was the best and most economical way that I could think of for the CSSA Legion of Honor Officers to communicate with all their Nobles.

All the forms for this year's convention are on the WWW.CSSA-LOH.ORG web-site as they have been for the last four years. Also you can go to the IALOH web-site and right above Smokie's name click on Central States Shrine Association and it will take you to the convention forms of Smokie.

Hope to see all of you in Colorado Springs for the CSSA LOH Convention. Come travel with me in the 8th Division of the IALOH.

Yours in the Faith, *Morris Sykes, editor* —

Adjutant Ron Buchanan, Message; bucharo@ksbroadband.net

Boy, how time flies! It has been a great year. Smokie has been to lots of units/clubs. We have a great meeting planned and I encourage all of you to attend the Central States Shrine Convention to be held September 10, 11, 12, 2009 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We will have fun. Forms are on the internet or contact me and I will send them to you. Let's get behind Smokie and give him a big send off and welcome Jeff in as our new Commander. Come see what Jeff has planned.

See you all in September.

As your Unit/Club elects officers for the new year it would be greatly appreciated if you would send me the names and address for our records. Thanks!

Yours in faith,

Ron Buchanan, CSSA Adjutant

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Treasurer Jerry Rodman, Message

July 30, 2009

It seems just like last week that I was preparing for last year's CSSA LOH luncheon and banquet meals and in just a few weeks we will be in Colorado Springs for a great time, great food and fun.

As always, I am looking forward to meeting everyone again. As in the past I have enjoyed talking to you in person and on the phone. Please feel free to call me (620-665-6278) or e-mail me at grodman1@cox.net if you have any questions on your CSSA dues or luncheon, banquet or Solo's Party tickets. Remember that you have to pick up your tickets at the hospitality room from me starting at 1:00 PM till 4:00 PM on Thursday. Don't forget to pick up your tickets before attending your Solo's Party. As a reminder, don't forget the deadline for Luncheon, Banquet and Solo's Party tickets.

I am looking forward to a great convention with all of our Brethren and CSSA Commander Smokie Siecgrist. We can't have a great convention without you there.

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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 Shriners; Denver, CO*
-*El Kahir Shriners, Cedar Rapids, NO LOH*
- 2009 *Hella Shriners; Garland, TX*
- 2008 *India Shriners; Oklahoma City, OK*

- 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*

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

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

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