



# ILLUSTRIOUS GEOFFREY D. LÝSTER INTERNATIONAL COMMANDER INTERNATIONAL LEGIONS OF HONOR



Commander Geoffrey D. Lyster earned his Legion of Honor eligibility by serving honorably in the United States Navy.

He began his masonic journey while still on active duty, by being raised a Master Mason in 2011 at Ashara-Casiphia Lodge No. 551, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. He earned his Masonic 32nd Degree with the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Harrisonburg (Northern Jurisdiction), in the Orient of Pennsylvania. He was elected Class President in 2012.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy and moving back to the Washington D.C. area, he joined Kena Shriners, Fairfax, Virginia in 2012. He transferred his Scottish Rite membership to the Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Alexandria in the Orient of Virginia in 2013. He was immediately active in the Kena Legion of Honor (LOH), where he served as 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lt. Commander in 2013; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander in 2014; and LOH Commander in 2015. He went on to serve as Colonel of the Units and Clubs in 2016. It was in late 2016, that he was elected to the position of Oriental Guide and began serving in the Kena Divan. Serving through all the progressive chairs, Oriental Guide, High Priest & Prophet, Assistant Rabban and Chief Rabban before serving as Potentate in 2020. He was elected as a Delegate and Voting Representative, for the Iowa Corporation and the Colorado Corporation, Shriner Imperial Conventions for three years from 2018-2020. He was initiated into the sacred rites of The Cabiri: International Past Potentates Association and the Kena Shriners Cabiri, both in 2021.

At Kena Shriners he has been an active member of the Legion of Honor, Hillbillies, Muleskinners, Yacht Club and Shepherds (*Road Runners*). It was in the latter capacity he earned the Transportation Award (Super Driver Award), from Shriners Hospital For Children-Philadelphia. He has made over 50 round trips with patients and parents.

In the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) he was elected a Voting Delegate from 2017-2020. He was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander, MASA-LOH in 2019; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander from 2020-2021. He served as Commander, Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) LOH from 2021-2022. His MASA Commander's Ball "*A Salute To Veterans*" held at Kena Shriners, Manassas VA in 2022 was attended by the International Commander, several International Officers; Past International Commanders, Kena Potentate, Past Potentates, the State Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and several VFW National and State Officers. As Past Commander, MASA LOH he is currently serving as the Chief of Staff to the Commander MASA LOH; and 1<sup>st</sup> Chief Advisor. He is a Past Advisor to the Commander MASA LOH.

A long-term attendee of the Arlington Wreath Laying Pilgrimage (with twelve-year pin) his attendance drew him to become more involved with the International Legions of Honor (ILOH). He was appointed Personal Aide to the 4<sup>th</sup> International Lt. Commander, IALOH, David Hobbs in 2020, and was elected to be the 8<sup>th</sup> Lt. Commander in 2021. Working steadfastly through the long progressive line from 8<sup>th</sup> Lt. Cmdr through 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr he has served as Chairman of the following committees: Arlington, Audit, Awards, Bylaws, Credentials, Membership and Budget Committees. He was elected International Commander, at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Legion of Honor Convention in Lexington, KY on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

He is a Total Life Member of Shriners International, holding a Kena Shriners Life Membership; Shriners International Per Capita Life Membership (PCLM) and Hospital Permanent Contributing Membership (PCM).

In addition to Shriner and Philadelphia Hospital duties, he is active in the following Masonic organizations: The Civil War Lodge of Research #1865 AF&AM since 2015. He was initiated into the Order of the One Stone Degree at Arlington in 2015. He is a Life Member In Perpetuity (LMIP) of the National Sojourners, Old Dominion Chapter, No. 363, Fairfax, VA since 2019. He is a Life Member of the International Shrine Hillbillies Clan Number 15; a member of the Loyal Order of the Water Buffaloes and the Masonic Turtles.