



Southeast Shrine Association Legions of Honor

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The Legionnaire

New Venue— New Opportunities for Fellowship !!

We hope all our LOH Nobles are having a good year as we head into our summer conference in Huntsville, Alabama, a.k.a. "The Rocket City". It is best known for its role in U.S. space exploration and military defense, housing NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, the U.S. Army's Redstone Arsenal, and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, which is the world's largest space museum. If you haven't been, plan to take a little extra time to sight-see this fascinating city in addition to the many SESA activities going on that week.

One of the great joys of the Shrine Legions of Honor is getting to spend time with our veteran Brothers. ***Don't miss out on this opportunity!***

2026 is a special year of celebration to honor our nation's 250th. As a veteran Masonic organization, we have a special obligation to go out and ***SEEK COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT***. There are parades, festivals, memorials, all planned around the 4th of July and through the remainder of the year that we each can contribute.

Check with your local Chambers of Commerce or Daughters/Sons of American Revolution chapters to see what what is planned, then do your part to participate as much as possible. You can also contact your local chapter of National Sojourners/Heroes of '76 to see what they have planned as well.



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"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity."

Seneca

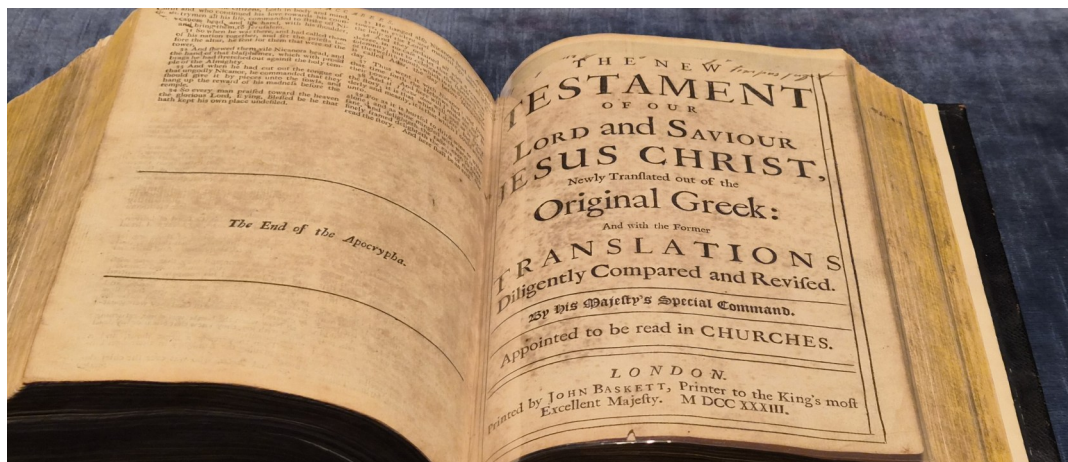
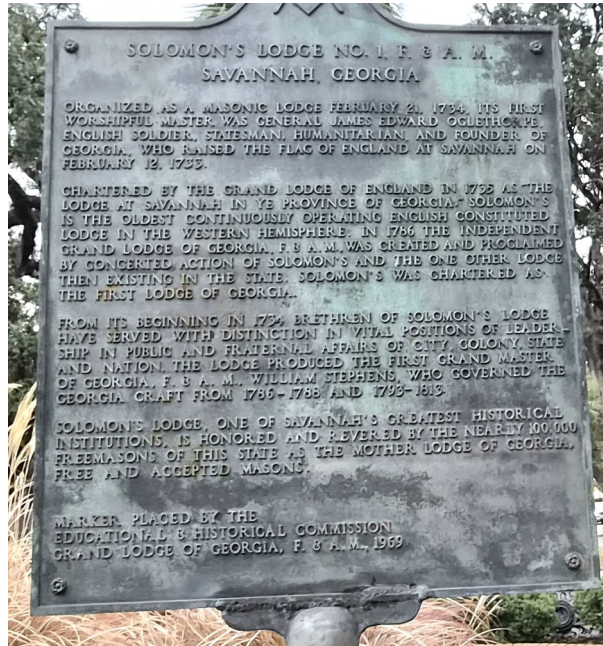
SESA Legion of Honor Accolades

Jim Marshall,
2020 SESALOH
Commander and
2025 Legionnaire
of the Year was
elected 6th Lt
Cdr of Interna-
tional Legions of
Honor.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Photos from SESA 2026 Midwinter, Savannah



Greetings from your Commander

My term or year is rapidly coming to a close and it has gone by so very quickly. I intended to do several things but as history shows life always interferes. My father passing away was a biggie and other Masonic commitments needless to say..... I didn't get some things accomplished, I guess you never do. Anyway, I think our partnership with the SESA Leadership is a good move for us. I want to thank PC Singleton for starting that ideology, and hopefully a new tradition. It shows our commitment to them and our cause. Our "old" traditions will never be compromised but aligning ourselves strategically with them has some benefits like sharing event costs or "piggy-backing" meeting rooms or Hospitality (if they have it) etc....

Unfortunately hotels are not wanting to allow our hospitality area if they have a Bar. We would have to use their liquor and Bartender which is even more costly. This has been a costly endeavor but my wife and I have enjoyed it immensely. I look forward to supporting our new Leadership after August and beyond. We have two great Nobles in the line after me and can't wait to see what they accomplish during their terms. If there are any Nobles that want to enter the line, please let me or Noble Steve Singleton know ASAP!! Thank you all for supporting me this year and look forward to seeing all of you in Huntsville!

Fraternally grateful...

Tracy W. LeMasters

SESALOH Commander



SESA Summer Conference

**Wednesday,
August 05, 2026
End Date: Sunday,
August 09, 2026
Hotel(s) offering
your special group
rate:**

**The Westin
Huntsville for
179.00 USD per
night - Last Day
to
Book : Tuesday,
July 07, 2026**

**[Book your group
rate for Southeast-
ern Shriners Asso-
ciation Room](#)**



From the Desk of the 2nd Lt Cdr

Washington placed his right hand on an open Bible supplied by St. John's Masonic Lodge of New York and repeated the oath of office administered by the chancellor of New York, Robert R. Livingston. After the president finished by kissing the Bible, Chancellor Livingston turned to the crowd and ignited a celebratory roar by proclaiming, "It is done; long live George Washington, president of the United States!"



Nobles:

I look forward to a spectacular turnout from all units representing SESA. I am confident that everyone will have an enjoyable experience in Huntsville, Alabama.

Best regards,

Andy Cosenza



From the Desk of the Treasurer

Greetings Fellow Legion Nobles. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the SESA Convention this August in Huntsville, AL. It will be a great time.

I still have not received Dues from three Units for 2026. If your SESA Dues are not paid before the Convention, your Unit will not be able to participate in any Competitions, have representatives from your unit, or have any members eligible to run for any SESA LOH positions. The 3 Units are all from Georgia, which does not make us Georgians look good. If you are not sure if your Unit is current, contact me @ 478-714-2503 or the Adjutant Steve Singleton.

Have a great summer and hope to see you soon!

Daniel E Kitchens, SESA PC (2)

SESALOH Treasurer

News from around the area



Azan Legion of Honor helps celebrate the Grand re-opening of Walmart in Melbourne, FL.



Columbia, TN Mule Days—not noting LOH resemblance :)



Al Menah Shrine at the Bell Buckle, TN Moon Pie parade.

917 Society– Distributors of US Constitution to our nation's eighth graders.

The 917 Society was created to provide a copy of the Constitution to every 8th grader, as required by federal law (that doesn't mean it is being taught!)

They print and distribute to any school or organization that desires copies.

You can help by determining how many 8th graders are in your local schools and then ordering copies for distribution.

[917 SOCIETY](#)



SESALOH Schedule

“Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together.”

Marcus Aurelius



Thursday 8/6/26

9:00 - 4:00 Registration – Information - The Westin Huntsville Lobby

9:30 - 11:00 **SESA Opening Session & Presentations** - Cahaba Shrine Center **LOH present colors**

1:00 - 4:00 **SESA Business Meeting** - Cahaba Shrine Center

4:00 Southeastern Shrine Legion of Honor Association In-Line Competition - Westin Hotel

6:30 - 9:30 **Tropical Theme Night “A Taste of Puerto Rico”** – Cahaba Shrine Center

Friday 8/7/26

9:30 - 11:30 Southeastern Shrine Legion of Honor Association Business Meeting – Southeastern Shrine Legion of Honor Association Necrology Service -

9:00 - 1:00 Registration – Information – The Westin Huntsville Lobby

2:00 - 3:00 **Parade Marshal’s Meeting** - Cahaba Shrine Center

**** All Temples that are planning on parading are required to have a Representative at this meeting. ****

** All Temples must have submitted a Certificate of Insurance “COI” to the 6:00 Clown Association Banquet – Location TBA

5:00 **Legion of Honor Association Commander’s Banquet** – Cahaba Shrine Center

Saturday 8/8/26

8:00 Parade Line-up – Location TBA at Parade Marshal’s Meeting

9:00 Parade Step-off

1:00 **Cornhole & Dart Competitions** – Cahaba Shrine Center

2:00 - 3:00 **Wine & Shine Tasting** - Cahaba Shrine Center

6:30 - 10:30 **Nobility & Awards Night** - Cahaba Shrine Center

Dinner Buffet, Cash Bar, Joint Installation of Board of Directors & Unit Associations

See the entire schedule at: <https://seshrine/annual-meeting-2026>

Our Nation's 250th is coming up— get involved!

2026 marks our nation's 250th anniversary (some of our services have already started celebrating—see service history on page 5).

Besides the 4th of July, there will be many festivities throughout the year. **YOUR CHALLENGE:** find out what is going on in your community and get involved! Let the people in your city and towns know that Shriners is more than clowns and cars: it represents those who served our nation as well.

Don't know where to start? Contact your local National Sojourners, Sons of American Revolution or Daughters of American Revolution.

Got Questions? ASK !! 2024/5 SESA LOH Contact List

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**GET YOUR SESA
CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS IN
NOW !!!**

Don't forget your
Certificate of In-
surance if you
plan on partici-
pating in the
SESA parades !!



**ALL MILITARY VETERANS
Contact Your Local
Legion of Honor Unit**



Francis Hopkinson - The Unknown Founding Father

We hear of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson. But you rarely hear of Francis Thomkinson. He was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and first Chairman of the Maritime Committee who wrote the rules for how our U.S. flag should appear—alternating red and white stripes with a blue field of white stars. Every official flag of the United States followed this guideline.

Thompkinson was a true 'Renaissance Man'—well educated, he authored books, poetry and theater. Hew was also responsible for the first design of the U.S. seal and helped design the first U.S. currency. Read more about him by googling his name.

Trivia— Francis Hopkinson's father was a close friend of Benjamin Franklin and a prominent figure in colonial Philadelphia, Brother Thomas Hopkinson was a member of St. John's Lodge and served as the Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1736.



Legion of Honor Objectives

- To perpetuate the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country.
- To foster a spirit of patriotism and love of country and its flag.
- To cultivate a spirit of comradeship among all Shrine organizations.
- To promote fellowship and unite more closely in the continuing service to God, Country, Shrinedom and Masonry.



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