

Treasurer's Report – Convention 2025

Please accept this, my 2025 convention report for activities in 2024 as International Treasurer.

Since my last convention report, I have attended the fall and spring in-person meetings in Baltimore along with numerous Board Meetings by way of Zoom and the second International Convention outside of North America. This time I went early to experience more of the beauty in Europe making the loop around the Baltic Sea and Gulf of Bothnia and experiencing what Google said was the traditional food of all 13 countries I went through, well worth the time!

We have added 15 chapter in 2024 and did have to officially close 9 at Convention in 2024.

As far as members go there were over 1,125 new members who joined our club in 2024! In my report last year I asked Chapter Presidents to be familiar with the By-Laws as they relate to Social Members, those By-Laws changed at the convention in 2024 and just as importantly there was a change not accepted by the membership. This points to the importance to reading not just what the By-Laws say, but what they also do not say. That is, the By-Laws now say that step-and-half- relationships are eligible for Social Membership. Not list in the relationships is in-law relationships, because they are not listed, they are not eligible. This was affirmed at the 2024 convention when a By-Law proposal to explicitly include in-laws was presented to the membership and was voted down. Again, it's important to be familiar with what the By-Laws say and what they do not say, but you aren't in this alone. If you are unsure, check with your Country/Province/State Representative, if they are unsure, they can reach out to their Regional Director.

A quick refresher on Quarterly Roster updates. A big part of this process is to ensure someone in your chapter is checking the official email account. Rosters themselves should be updated with me as soon after they change as possible – changes through the quarter can be sent from personal email accounts if that is easier. The quarterly update should be a simple “no roster update” since I should already have all updates. Heaven 1 protocol will only apply to people on the International Roster.

It has been my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to continuing as your Treasurer.

Sincerely
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Loyal to our Duty
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