



Potentate's Message

Walter Woodward

What an exciting time to be an Afifi Shriner! Welcome to 2012 & Congratulations to our newly installed Officers of our great temple! 2012 will prove to be nothing short of amazing. Our Divan is off and running with great ideas & honest dedication to the success of our temple.

Our Installation was truly magical! Our First Lady Heidi put a tremendous amount of love and effort into preparing an evening that would dazzle our guests & make our Nobles shine! We enjoyed the company of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael Sanders & his Lady Patty, Illustrious Sir Roland Jennings & his Lady Suzanne from the Nile, Illustrious Potentate Julius W. Brown Jr. Yemen Temple No. 152 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. & his Lady the Illustrious Commandress of Yemen Temple, MIC Alfred J. Luberts Jr. Grand Illustrious Master, Royal & Select Masters of Washington & his Lady Darlene, & our ladies from Zora & Hatasu Daughters of the Nile to name a few.

Highlighting the evening was Miss. Megan Johnson feezing her dad Rory Johnson & a few other Divan members. We are indeed blessed to have Megan and now Divan Aide Rory Johnson.

Thank you to all of you who sent best wishes & encouraging words. Lady Heidi & I are blessed with a wonderful extended Masonic family. During our installation Lady Heidi presented me with Cleo B McCord's Gavel. Some of you may remember this great man & mason; my son McCord "Mackie" is named after Cleo. Lady Heidi gave a few words on the significance of the gavel that I would like to share with you all. She explained, "This gavel does not represent arrogance, favoritism, hostility, or any sort of discrimination. It is not a tool of dictatorship. This gavel is honesty, justice, and most importantly the voice of your Nobility, the voice of truth. It should be used by a leader with the intent to serve & facilitate the wishes of those who stand before you."

It is my intent to serve and facilitate the wishes of our nobility. I believe that in order to be successful we must all take part in the process, open the doors and let the sunshine in, if you will. Our nobility is rich in talents and abilities. Let us work together to grow, to shine, to "Have Fun Helping Kids!" Let us all take a moment to remember why we became Shriners. Hold onto that thought, and the children shall lead us. If you did not have the opportunity to join us for our installation make sure you mark your calendar for our Potentate's Valentine Ball on February 11th 2012. The theme for the evening is, "Dream a little dream of me" & tickets are available in the office. Lady Heidi is known for throwing amazing events & has said that these events are her way of giving our Temple some much needed "razzle dazzle."

March will be full of great activities. We have moved our March open meeting to Saturday, March 3rd starting at 5:00 pm as "Masonic Youth Night". It will be a fun and inspirational night to remember! Also on Saturday March 3rd we will conduct an open "Leadership Development Day" where all Club and Unit members and officers can assemble in the afternoon for an exciting and informational forum on Leadership Orientation and Communication. Stay tuned for more information!

BIOGRAPHY:

Walter A. Woodward was raised a Master Mason in 2002 at Parkland/Lakewood No. 299. Walter was no stranger to masonry as he was actively involved with his grandparents Walter & Lorraine Schnoor of Arc Lodge in Burien, WA.

Walter was an active volunteer at the Masonic Retirement Center in Des Moines, WA, adopting many seniors & looking after their healthcare & wellbeing. Having been an active advisor in DeMolay & Job's Daughters Walter is a Past Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 75 in Des Moines, WA. Walter was a member of the Grand Lodge Float Committee for many years.

Walter met his lady, Heidi, at a Job's Daughters meeting in Auburn, WA. Shortly after, the two were married at the Masonic Retirement Center in Des Moines, WA witnessed by Mr. Cleo McCord, Best Man, & Mrs. Helen Miles, Matron of Honor. Walter became the proud stepparent to Jessie & Alex, a Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 45 Renton, WA, & Past Master Councilor of Merle E. Luther Chapter Black Diamond, WA. Walter & Heidi welcomed their son McCord "Mackie" into the world in 2008.

Walter is an active member of the Black Diamond/Maple Valley Kiwanis club. He was an integral force in chartering the new Black Diamond/Maple Valley club in 2010 and is proud to be their Charter President.

Walter followed his Grandfathers footsteps in becoming a Shriner, joining Afifi Shrine in 2002. Becoming "Schnoor" the clown has been one of the highlights of Walter's Shrine journey. Walter is an enthusiastic classic car collector & enjoys G scale trains.

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Recorder's Message

I.S. Doug Baker, P.P.

The January 5th Annual Meeting, brought Afifi Shriners a new Potentate and Elected Divan for 2012. As each new team takes office, these Nobles hit the ground running with new ideas and expectations, fired-up momentum and high enthusiasm. On the 10th anniversary of my installation as your 2002 Potentate, I was honored and privileged to install Walter Woodward as our Potentate, whom I created a Noble of Afifi Temple during my year. I also was installed as your Recorder, fezzed by Emeritus Recorder Don Nau, who became Recorder the year I joined the Shrine in 1989. Thank you, Don for your twenty two years as Recorder, as well as for your help during the transition. Thanks also to IS Doug Bates, his Lady Diane and their team for a great year in 2011.

Our All Temple Public Installation on Saturday, January 14th was a huge success and fun was had by all. We had guests from nearly every Masonic organization, including the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, MW Michael L. Sanders and MIC Alfred J. Luberts Jr., Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council R&SM of Washington. The Ladies of the Household and the Job's Daughters were most helpful and gratefully appreciated. We had a large contingent of members of the Prince Hall organizations join us for the evening as well. Thanks to First Lady Heidi Woodward for an outstanding event. Shriners International was prominently featured at the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade. Our float won an award and brought great public exposure to our fraternity, as well as to our mission. During the parade and the many games to follow, Parade Grand Marshall J.R. Martinez, the injured soldier and winner of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" was featured in a powerful Shriners Hospital for Children PSA shown on several markets. JR is a powerful spokesman for Shriners International and our Mission.

We have a number of open meetings and fun events coming up that you will find listed in this issue and stay tuned for a new website in the near future. And for up to the hour information, go find us on "Facebook"!

Let each and every one of us rededicate ourselves to help fulfill our Mission in 2012. Let each of us begin today by sharing our Mission with those who are not yet Masons and/or Shriners. *Let it begin with me.*

RESERVATIONS are IMPORTANT NOBLES PLEASE MAKE NOTE

In an effort to alleviate the confusion for dinner and to be sure that everyone who has made a reservation is served a quality meal the following change is being made.

All who have made a dinner reservation will be sold a dinner ticket and served first. Those who have not made a reservation will be sold a dinner ticket, however they will not be served until all who have made a reservation have been served. If those who have not made a reservation find that there is not enough food when they are received, they will receive a refund for their late-purchased ticket. There will be no seconds until everyone is served.

All reservations must be in by the Monday prior to the Thursday meeting.

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Chaplain's Message

Tom Dow

This will be the first news from your new Chaplain, me, Tom Dow. Frank Elliot will be missed in these lines, but I'll try to give it my best. To accomplish that I will need your help. We need to communicate. Here is my email, t.g.dow@q.com. If you are writing about Affi Shrine chaplain stuff please put "ASChap" in the subject line so I can give your mail the attention it deserves. Three quotes have surfaced in the past month 1. from Six Word Sayings : "Build a bridge, get over it." 2. From Lady Kimber Norton: "Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?" 3. From Ill Doug Bates: "Keep everybody in your prayers." With the thoughts of the first and second, I'd like target the third for this coming year. Please send me your prayer requests. Big and small, God the Grand Architect of this universe is able to handle them all. Details are not needed, no confidences need to be broken. He knows what is going on even though we may not know. If anyone reading this wants to participate, send me your email. We'll keep this to emails. This Not a prayer chain, or even a prayer group. Just people who are willing to "keep everybody" in "bridge building" "true, kind and necessary" prayers. "...May the God of love and peace delight to dwell with you and bless you." (Washington Freemasons Guide, p.1-12)

Fraternally, Tom

Passed Thru Unseen Portals

Day by day our numbers lessen,
Year by year they slip away,
To the unknown land far distant
In the realm of endless day.

Some have left us in the morning,
Some at noontime took their flight,
Some in evening twilight shadows,
Some in darkness of the night.

We shall miss them—ever miss them,
Miss their hand clasps, words of cheer,
Miss their happy smiles of welcome
That we knew when they were here.

The deepest sympathy of the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and Nobles of Affi Shrine Temple is extended to the family and friends of:

Allan C. Peringer

When clouds of sorrow seem to hide the face of God, we know such is not the case for we cannot be where God is not. Just as he has been with us in all our yesterdays, He will be with us in our unknown tomorrows.

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Attitude Adjustment 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Affi Brass Band 5:30PM

Dinner 6:00PM - 7:00PM

"Open Discussion" Meeting 7:00PM

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A Message from the Imperial Potentate

January 2012

Greetings my fellow Nobles,

I hope everyone's new year is off to a great start!

2012 began with an exciting event – the Tournament of Roses Parade. I had the opportunity to ride on our health care system's float, along with national patient ambassador Kate Hickman, Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Los Angeles patient Marius Woodward, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Doug Maxwell, Imperial Sirs Wayne Lachut and Raoul Frevel, and Illustrious Sirs Peter Rippenstein and Robert Secoy.

You may not realize it, but waving and smiling for more than three hours can be a little tiring. Fortunately, the spectators' admiration and passion for our hospitals made it a lot easier for me. During the parade, a nice surprise was seeing our other national patient ambassador, Alissa Perkins, and her family, in the crowd cheering for us.

Televised on ABC, NBC, CBS and HGTV networks, the parade brought our organization a tremendous amount of exposure. Also, the Grand Marshall of the parade, J.R. Martinez, was gracious enough to participate in a 30-second PSA about Shriners Hospitals for Children that aired during the broadcast. Martinez is an actor who was severely burned during his tour of duty in Iraq and is also known for his performances on the television program "Dancing with the Stars." Another event highlight was having our float win the Tournament Volunteers' Award. I would like to thank everyone whose hard work led to that recognition.

Last month, I attended the service awards luncheon for employees at Shriners International Headquarters in Tampa, Fla. During the event, Executive Vice President of Shriners International and Past Imperial Potentate, Jack H. Jones, along with staff members Zorrie Muskovac, Janey Fisher and John Moose were given awards in recognition of their 30 years of service to our organizations. I would like to thank all of them for their hard work, dedication and loyalty to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

My next stop was Nashville, Tenn., where Patty and I attended the Christmas party at the Al Menah Shrine Temple. At the party, we read Christmas stories to 50 patients from Shriners Hospitals for Children. The best part of the evening was seeing the expression on each of the children's faces when they were given a brand new bicycle, donated by a local company in Nashville. There isn't anything more gratifying than witnessing giant smiles on children's faces.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville, where I was given a tour by one of the patients. It was my first time there; I was able to see the new prosthetics room and the cutting-edge services they have to offer. Later in the day, I had an enjoyable lunch with some of the hospital staff and the opportunity to learn more about these wonderful people.

I then headed to Spartanburg, S.C., to watch the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas. If you have never been to the game, it is a definite must! The event is the biggest of the high school Shrine bowl games and had a packed stadium of close to 14,000 people in attendance. The nationally televised game also brings a significant amount of publicity to our organization. It was a great game; the North Carolina team was able to come from behind and win 26-19.

Speaking of football, we are just about one week away from the 87th East-West Shrine Game®. For those of you who can't make it to St. Petersburg, Fla., be sure to watch the broadcast live on the NFL network. Coverage of the game will start at 3:30 p.m. EST on Saturday, January 21!

Finally, I sent out an e-mail last month announcing the decision to hire Leo Burnett as our new marketing partner.

Leo Burnett has an outstanding creative team with extensive strategic experience in health care and not-for-profit communications. I am looking forward to the positive impact this new partnership will have on both our hospitals and fraternity.

"Remember Why You Became a Shriner!"

Yours in the Faith,

Michael G. Severe
Imperial Potentate
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Legion of Honor

Afifi News

By Jack Taylor

*Your Shrine Unit
For Military Veterans . . .*

December was unkind to the Legion of Honor as we lost three wonderful members: **Ella Brower, Herb Roemke and Al Peringer.**

Ella passed away on December 13th at her home in Tacoma. She was the wife of Jay Brower (Past Commander, 1996) and was always a delight to see at our many dinner meetings and other LOH events. She was every bit the "southern lady" with her quiet and gentle speech and her graciousness.

Pictured, at right from the left are Jay Brower, Ella and the late Charlie Ports, taken at a meeting of Afifi Shrine at the Center several years ago.



Herb Roemke passed away on December 17th. He was a charter member and served as our fourth commander in 1991. I'll always remember him as strong in character, an example of all that is good in Masonry, a good friend to us all and who served us well throughout his years in the Legion. He helped us organize the sword team that performed at Shrine meetings and marched in parades.



Herb, pictured at left, retired from the Army and served in the Korean War, the Cold War, and Vietnam. He was decorated for his service with numerous awards including the Bronze Star for Valor and awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Although slowed in recent years by physical difficulties and illnesses, Herb still managed to continue to come to meetings and gatherings, and support the Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Carole, whom we've all come to admire for her strength and dedication to Herb during his difficult times. She will always be a special person in our LOH family.

Al Peringer, Past Commander, 2008, passed away peacefully at his retirement home on December 31st. Al was a Navy veteran who served the nation for 30 years. Much of his military service was profiled in the last issue of Afifi News where we noted that he was at Pearl Harbor on that fateful day in 1941.



Al, pictured at left with his friend Mary Ellen Beard, loved the Legion of Honor and served in many Masonic and Shrine units during his life. He was a 60-year member of the Shrine, Past Worshipful Master of his Lodge in Chesapeake, Virginia, and a member of several different Shrine Temples.

He is remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and kindness. He was a wonderful gentleman, friend and brother.

We will miss these three wonderful members of our LOH family and we extend our sincere condolences to their families. We know they rest in honored glory and eternal peace and they'll always be in our memories.

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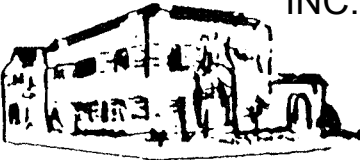
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