

# Harvey Waugh: Just an Average Guy?

By MARK STOUGHT

IT'S not often that a new reporter stumbles onto history in the making, but that is precisely what will be happening very soon: when current Potentate **Albert D. Flight** leaves office at January's Ceremonial. Also taking his leave will be our Recorder, **Harvey Waugh**, who is retiring after 39 and a half years of service to Aleppo. I had the pleasure of sitting down with Harvey and learning quite a lot about him, his Masonic career, and his work here at Aleppo.

Harvey has been connected to Masonry for quite some time: his Masonic career began in DeMolay, where he served as Master Councilor of his Chapter. Fast-forwarding a few years, Harvey became a Mason after returning from serving in the Navy. Interestingly enough, that occurred after he heard about a job opening at the Shrine for an Assistant Recorder through Winthrop Hall at the Scottish Rite NMJ Supreme Council in Lexington. This came about because then-Chief Rabban **Stanley F. Maxwell** happened to be the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Council. After an interview with **Harvey Leggee**, Harvey (Waugh) was hired (he assured me that sharing the same first name didn't figure into it). He has been here ever since.

Along the way, Harvey has had a great impact on many areas of Masonry besides the Shrine because he has been active in so many ways: he is a Past Master of Wyoming Lodge in Melrose; active in both St. Bernard's and Boston Commandery (where he has been a member of the Malta Degree Team since 1975); and a Past Sovereign Prince of Giles Fonda Yates Council; Princes of Jerusalem, located in the Valley of Boston; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. After putting in 18 years of service as an officer there, he was rewarded by being chosen to receive the 33rd Degree. Harvey has also been Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and was awarded the Henry Price medal. He is also a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and one of approximately 27,000 worldwide recipients of the degree of Chevalier from the International Supreme Council of DeMolay. Along with his everyday duties as Recorder, Harvey has been Executive Editor of the *Aleppo News* since 1977, and has also been a delegate to the Imperial Sessions since 1973, where he was a member (and later the chair) of the Election Tellers Committee. Harvey also served 12 years as a member of the Board of Governors, Shriners Burns Hospital-Boston, and is now an Emeritus member of the Board. With such a long and distinguished career, one might be led to believe that Harvey would be hard-pressed to pick the events that were most

memorable to him. But in fact, what he remembers most are the two Imperial Sessions held in Boston (in 1984 and 2000).

Harvey is a wealth of Shrine history – he has been with Aleppo since before the Auditorium existed, back when the office was in Copley Square, facing the fountain. As he puts it, "it was a typical Boston building – 20 feet wide, 80 feet long, and three stories high. At that time, the Auditorium in Wilmington was being used as a temperature-controlled warehouse for five million pounds of chocolate for Schrafft's Candy Company in Charlestown. The manager of the warehouse, Noble **Ed Borenstein**, and the warehouse owner, **Leo Barbo**, thought the building would be perfect for us. It was then Potentate, **Donald Vose**, along with **Ed Johnston**, **Bob Wilson**, **Willard Lombard**, **Harold Larson** and **Mal Stevens** who decided to present the proposition of purchasing the building and its 67 surrounding acres to the membership for consideration. The rest is history."

Harvey has a lot to say about his time as Recorder: "Over the years, the one item that continues to be a thorn in my side is long speeches. It doesn't happen too much today, but, every once in a while, function speakers overextended their remarks when people would rather be enjoying the entertainment or dancing."

On the hardest part of his job: "The most difficult part of my job is having a new boss every year. It's a process of getting accustomed to a Potentate's leadership style." Harvey said that the most rewarding aspect of working as Recorder is the opportunity to have met and made friends with so many people over the years.

So what does Harvey think about the Shrine after almost forty years? "The most impressive feature about this organization" he says, "is the dedication

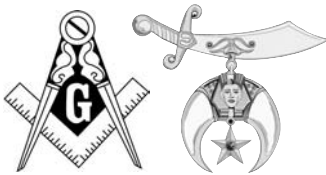


HARVEY J. WAUGH AND LADY MARGARET

of our volunteers. Our Shrine men and their ladies give up a large part of their lives to Aleppo. There are Uniform Unit members at every parade, there are hospital volunteers who donate countless numbers of hours raising money, and there are officers who have served many years with important operational responsibilities. All these people could be doing something else for themselves. They know that what they do is that important."

Believe it or not, though, Harvey does things outside of his work, and he has many things lined up after his retirement. "I have a lot of home projects to do – painting, wallpapering, working outside, and the like. I enjoy do-it-yourself projects where I can work with my hands. Golf is also on the agenda. **Margaret** and I look forward to traveling a bit." All in all, that's a pretty laid-back plan.

So, it seems that Harvey is just a down-to-earth average guy after all; just look at the numbers! On average, Records at Aleppo serve an average of 30 years – if we subtract the time Harvey spent as Assistant Recorder, he's just over par at thirty-and-a-half years. He comes into work late all the time, too; the building custodian comes in at 5 AM, and Harvey waltzes in at 8 AM. However, we should all aspire to be as "average" as Harvey. To be average in the company he is with; to be simply extraordinary. Thank you, Harvey, for your years of dedicated service to Masonry, and to the Shrine.



## At the Anchor Point with the Fire Brigade

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units at parades and ceremonials because of their vehicles. The Fire Brigade had a 1954 Maxim Fire Truck that was donated to them in 1984 by the Norton Company in Worcester, a fire equipment manufacturer. It was used in parades, and was eventually sold in favor of creating mini-vehicles from Yamaha golf carts, most recently used at the Unit Review at the October 2007 Ceremonial. The unit also participates in parades around eight times a year.

So, if you're looking for an important unit that does a wide variety of things, the Fire Brigade might be for you! Stop by their room in the Mezzanine at any event for more information, come to a meeting (3rd Monday, Unit Room, 7:30 pm) or contact the Chief, Wes Tucker, at 978-283-4335 for more information.

## Always on Duty: The Temple Guard

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director of the event as well as protecting the building as per orders of the Recorder or Building Manager.

That's still not enough for these guys, though; they also do security details at the Hospital, and provide security for the Divan at outside events. They are always training to make themselves better able to perform their duties. As an example, all members take First Aid and CPR courses, and they're a marching unit: for the past 25 years. The Temple Guard have been the custodians of the Aleppo banner, carried in parades, Imperial sessions, and at other events.

As Aleppo has grown, so have the duties of the Temple Guard. From its origins as three appointed officers (Captain of the Guard, Outer Guard, and Inner Guard), the Temple Guard now has a Captain, two First Lieutenants (Joseph English and Carl Wood), two Second Lieutenants (Charles Moulton and Edward Clark), and 43 active members. It has also supplied four Potentates of Aleppo Shrine: Past Potentates Bob Phillips, Bob Pann, and Al Rose, and our current Chief Rabban, Steve Eriksen. From Mechanic's Hall in Boston to the Auditorium in Wilmington, from the Circus to the Football Classic, the Temple Guard handles a tremendous amount of infrastructure work required to have events at all, and as such are an extremely hard-working group who really enjoy what they do. Camaraderie and teamwork are musts in this unit.

However, that doesn't mean that it's all work and no play. The Temple Guard rewards its members' dedication by subsidizing their tickets to events. It also runs the Hospitality Suite at meetings. If you're interested in a hard-working and hard-playing group with lots of opportunities to go to shows and events, contact any one of the officers, or stop by the Temple Guard room on the Mezzanine during or after any event or Ceremonial.

The Temple Guard has meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month in the Temple Guard room at 7:30 PM.

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### Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of Aleppo Temple

and  
Annual Meeting of  
Aleppo Temple Shrine Activities, Inc.

Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Aleppo Fez Room, 99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington, MA

Aleppo Temple Business Meeting – Wear Your Fez

Balloting on Candidates for January 26, 2008, Ceremonial Reception of Annual Reports

Election of Officers for 2008

Aleppo Temple Shrine Activities, Inc. Annual Meeting

Note: All Nobles must be in possession of a 2008 Aleppo Membership Card to enter the meeting.

Act on any other business that may come before the meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Section 325.10 of the By-Laws of the Imperial Council

(a) The printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices, by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple is prohibited.

(b) For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(c) At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the Temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

*Albert D. Flight*

Harvey J. Waugh  
Recorder

Albert D. Flight  
Illustrious Potentate