

2009 Robert Gardner Wilson, Jr. Medal Recipients

NOBLE HARVEY J. WAUGH

Noble Harvey J. Waugh was created an Aleppo Shriner on November 29, 1968. He was appointed Assistant Recorder in 1968 and became Recorder in 1977. His retirement in 2008 made him the only Aleppo Divan Emeritus.

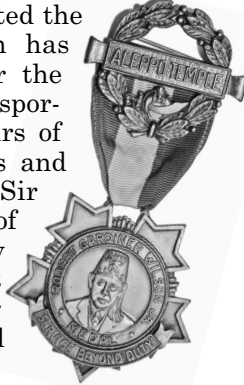
Noble Waugh has been the watch spring that has kept Aleppo ticking for over 39 years. You always found him in the background and never assuming the limelight. His duties consisted of receiving all monies, tracking membership, Temple Historian, keeper of the building, engaging every contract that Aleppo entered into, Protocol Director, Master of Ceremonies, and *Aleppo News* Executive Editor. His self imposed duty was to ensure the success of every Potentate he worked for and work diligently to see that every Noble, young and old, enjoyed their Shrine experience.

For Harvey's extraordinary service to Aleppo over the last forty years, he is certainly deserving of receiving the Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. Medal for service above and beyond the call of duty.

ILLUSTRIOUS STEPHEN G. ERIKSEN

Illustrious Sir Stephen G. Eriksen, Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple, was created an Aleppo Shriner on June 8, 1991. He joined the Temple Guard in 1992 and began climbing the ranks to Quartermaster. In mid-2002, he took leave from serving as Quartermaster and Chief Aide when Illustrious **Richard E. Johnson** appointed him Second Ceremonial Master.

Illustrious Sir Eriksen instituted the annual Aleppo Smoker, which has raised thousands of dollars for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. For his many years of service in the Uniformed Units and Aleppo Divan, Illustrious Sir Stephen G. Eriksen, Potentate of Aleppo Temple in 2008, certainly deserves to receive the Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. Medal for service above and beyond the call of duty.



NOBLE DAVID L. CROSS

Noble David L. Cross was created a Shriner in Aleppo Temple on January 26, 1968. He is a long-time member and Captain (1986 to 1991) of the Temple Guard. He was made Captain Emeritus in 1993. He was appointed an Aide in 1992 by Illustrious Potentate **Robert L. Pann**. His duties as an Aleppo Aide never ended. You may have seen him attending to the operations of Ceremonials, Potentate's Balls, and Imperial Sessions, and the needs of the Candidates and Divan.

Noble Cross is a regular volunteer for the Red Can Drive raising thousands of dollars for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. He is currently the President of both the Cape Ann and North Shore Shrine Clubs.

For his dedication to the Shrine and his many years of service in the Uniform Units and as an Aleppo Aide, it is appropriate to present to David L. Cross, the highest award in Aleppo Temple, the Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. Medal, for service above and beyond the call of duty.



Lodge in Dominican Republic Celebrates 150th Anniversary

CUNA de America Lodge No. 2, the oldest active blue lodge in the Dominican Republic, celebrated its 150th anniversary last January in a public ceremony attended by the country's Vice President **Rafael Alburquerque** and Labor Minister **Maximiliano Puig**.

The activity was presided over by Worshipful Master **Miguel Savinon** and received delegations from the other 14 lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic. Grand Master **Rene Baez** and Sovereign Grand Commander **Milciades Mejia** were received with full honors. Also attending was Dominican Shrine Club President **Elias Pilarte**, Grand Council members and approximately 120 distinguished guests.

The Vice President, whose father and grandfather were both Masters of this lodge, was proud to state that he had been adopted as a Lewton when he was just a young boy.

Cuna de America Lodge No. 2—whose name in English translates as "Cradle of the Americas," in reference to the fact that the island of Hispaniola served as the seat for the Spanish colonization of Latin America—was founded on January 9, 1859. The lodge is located within a 16th century colonial architectural monument which has been undergoing restoration since 1987 (visit <http://cunadeamerica.blogspot.com> for details). The building was originally a monastery of the Mercedarian Order and when restoration is completed, it will be run by the lodge as a cultural center.

The Shrine has been active in the Dominican Republic since 1979. The Shriners Hospitals for Children—Boston and Springfield regularly hold outreach clinics there. The Dominican Shrine Club is under the jurisdiction of Aleppo Shriners in Wilmington, Massachusetts, USA.



A FRESCO IN THE Temple room of Cuna de America Lodge No 2 depicts masons using their working tools to build King Solomon's temple. visit <http://cunadeamerica.blogspot.com> for details



LODGE MEMBERS PRESENTED a wreath at the National Pantheon in Santo Domingo to honor more than a dozen Dominican heroes who were Freemasons.



(Left to right) Grand Master **Rene Baez**, Worshipful Master **Miguel Savinon**, Sovereign Grand Commander **Milciades Mejia**, Past Grand Master **Orbe Soto**, and Past Grand Master **Cesar Garcia** (all of whom are members of Aleppo Shriners) together with Labor Minister **Maximiliano Puig** and Vice President **Rafael Alburquerque**.