

Captain Emeritus Irving B. Ruggles

Aleppo Temple Provost Guard

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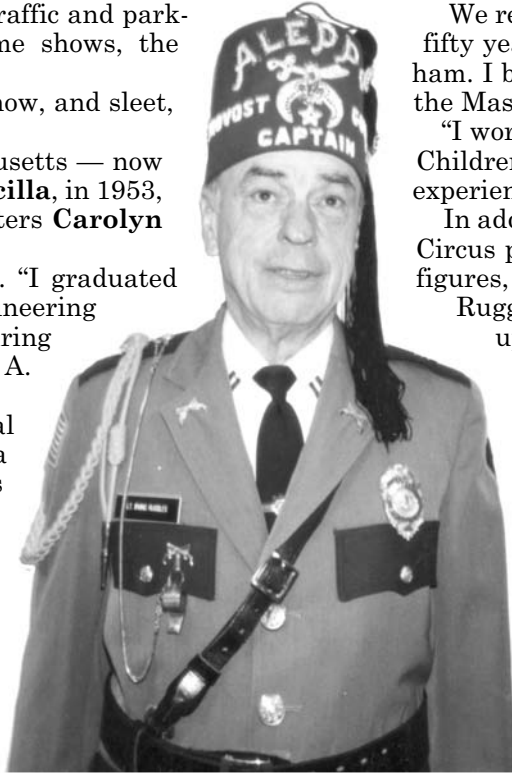
SHRINERS, guests — everyone has witnessed our rugged captain of the Provost Guard, Irving B. Ruggles, handling traffic and parking for the wondrous events, antique and home shows, the Castleberry Fair, and many more.

As Ruggles says: "We stay on the job through rain, snow, and sleet, UNLESS there's lightning"

"On April 7, 1921, I was born in Needham, Massachusetts — now I'm just a youngster. I married my wonderful wife, **Priscilla**, in 1953, fifty years ago. We have one son **Geoffrey**, two daughters **Carolyn** and **Cynthia**, and five grandchildren!"

We asked about his education and work experience. "I graduated from Needham High School and studied electrical engineering nights at Lincoln Tech, Northeastern University. During the day I worked as a diamond tool-maker for Arthur A. Crafts, Boston."

"Next I worked for 35 years for Exide in the Industrial Battery Division. Those years included my work as a sales correspondent in Boston, then promoted in 1954 as a sales engineer in New Jersey. In 1959 I was transferred to upstate New York for two years, then back again to Boston to help boost sales. Then in 1967 I was promoted to district manager in Cleveland Ohio and remained there for about six years. Then again the Boston district needed help, so I was transferred back again to Boston as district manager. There we won several sales contests to various overseas locations. Finally, I retired in 1984. I was also a volunteer fire-



man in Totowa Borough, New Jersey and Delmar, New York."

We reached at last his Masonic/Shriners commitments. "More than fifty years ago I was raised in Norfolk Lodge, A.F. & A. M. in Needham. I began as a Shriner in 1954 and am now a life member of both the Masons and Shriners."

"I worked with Past Potentate **Bob Pann** when he first started the Children's Transportation Fund in 1985. This was a very rewarding experience and a pleasure to get the program rolling with Bob.

In addition, I have been responsible for obtaining ads for the Aleppo Circus program book, reaching a dollar plateau last year of over five figures, "old salesmen never die."

Ruggles homesteads? "I have lived in four states: North Jersey; upstate Delmar, N.Y.; North Olmstead, Ohio; and presently on Hemlock Road in Reading, Massachusetts. "I have creaky knees and a new hip, but I'm still able to mow the grass in addition to handling Aleppo traffic."

Any funny memories? "Years ago in North Jersey, I went to Newark to buy myself a new grey suit. When I got home — and the guys at Exide and my family will never let me forget — the suit was green!"

Hobbies? "I'm a philatelist, collecting U.S. stamps."

Sports? "I'm hung up on baseball. We bought a mattress at Jordan's Furniture, and if the Red Sox win, Jordan's promises to pay for it!"


Any favorite foods? "Tapioca pudding, the root of good health — and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches."

His goals? To keep active with the Aleppo Provost Guard and security of the building. Mainly to assist Priscilla, who has low vision, and helps others in the community with low vision, especially in the senior center in Reading.


We know our Captain Ruggles's motto: "A man never stands as tall, as when he stoops to help a crippled or burned child."

Please, dear Captain, keep your batteries charged and running!

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To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of the Aleppo Shriners
Situated in the Oasis of Wilmington, Desert of Massachusetts

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I am a Master Mason in good standing in: _____ Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Located: _____ (city, state)

which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of your temple. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

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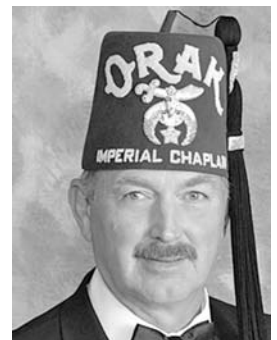
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Tom Leininger

Appointed Imperial Chaplain



Tom E. Leininger of Elkhart, Indiana, is 2007-2008 Imperial Chaplain for Shriners of North America and Shriners Hospitals for Children. He was appointed by Imperial Potentate **Bernard J. Lemieux, M.D.**, during the 2007 Imperial Council Session, held in Anaheim, Calif., July 1-5.

Leininger was raised a Master Mason in Tyrian Lodge #718 and was created a noble of Orak Shriners in Michigan City.

He graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington in June 1969 with a degree in business marketing and was commissioned the same month as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He attended naval flight school, received his wings in 1970, and flew military jets until discharged in May 1974. He then flew as a corporate pilot for 10 years, then as an airline pilot with Continental Airlines until 2005. He retired as a captain and is enjoying retirement on his farm in Elkhart, Ind.

Leininger and his wife, **Susan**, an accountant, have been married for 38 years and have three sons: **Michael**, a research scientist for Pfizer, who resides with his wife, **Carla**, and children, **Alexa**, **Grace** and **Jack**, in Salem, Conn.; **Christopher**, a mathematics professor at University of Illinois, who resides with his wife, **Katie**, and children, **Kaleb** and **Emily**, in Urbana, Ill.; and **Nicholas**, a successful actor, residing in Chicago.