



Illustrious Sir Larry Tipton International Commodore

Illustrious Sir Larry Tipton was born in Billings, Montana on April 10th, 1944. He attended school in Billings and in 1957, his family moved to Tacoma, Washington where his father was stationed in the Naval Reserve. After graduating from Mt Tahoma High School, he enlisted in the Navy as a Hospital Corpsman and assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bremerton. After several years at Bremerton and as the Viet Nam war was intensifying, he was transferred to the U.S. Marine Corp as a combat medic with the 3rd Marine Corp stationed in Okinawa, Japan. After being discharged from service, he moved back to Tacoma where he attended college while working as a janitor for the city of Tacoma. After college he became interested in salesmanship and started a vocation that he still practices today.

In 1977, he moved to Fairbanks, Alaska to accept a position as Non-Foods Supervisor for Market Basket Stores and travelled much of Alaska working with the 7 stores under his supervision. He left the grocery business after several years to return to his passion, salesmanship. He founded a sales and marketing company that was a representative for many major Manufacturers of gifts and toys.

Illustrious Sir Tipton was raised as a Master Mason in Henry A. Greene Lodge #250, F & A.M. in Lakewood, Washington on January 6, 1975 and is a life member there. He belonged to Scottish Rite, Valley of Fairbanks which he joined in 1983. He became a Noble in Al Aska Shriners on May 21, 1983 and continued his membership there until 2002. He is a charter and lifetime member of The Grand Lodge of Russia, Pacific Rim Lodge 312 in Vladivostok, Russia and a member of Stillwater Lodge #62 in Columbus, Montana.

Illustrious Sir Tipton was elected Commodore of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs at the Shrine Imperial Session in July of 2018. He will hold this title until July of 2019. While at the Shrine Imperial Session he was appointed to Imperial Potentate's Aide by Imperial Sir Jim Cain, Imperial Potentate of Shriners International where he will serve with those duties for the next year.

Illustrious Sir Tipton was appointed to the Al Bedoo Shrine Divan in 2002 and served as Potentate in 2008. Currently he serves as Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association where he has served for the past 8 years. Before that he was President of the association in 2009. He is past Director of ROJ Court #87 and President of Jesters of Montana in 2017.

Illustrious Sir Tipton's commitment outside of Shrine is that he is Post Commander of Stillwater #32 American Legion and serves on the Stillwater County Health Board as well as being a Life Member in the VFW.

In his spare time, he likes to work on his 1974 Triumph TR6, RV with his wife Judy and ATV riding in the backroads of Montana. He is also working part time at the Best Buy doing, that passion he has loved all this life, Salesmanship.