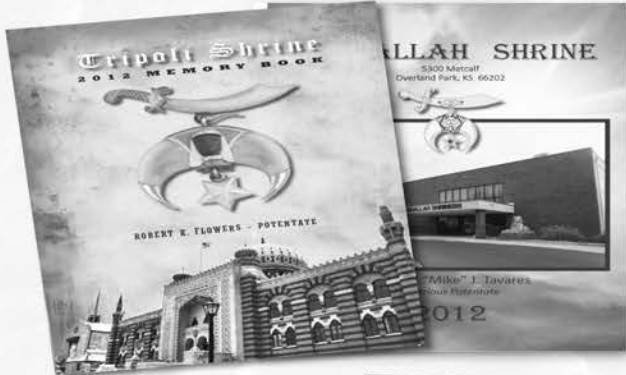


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EDITORIAL



“I’m the Guy”

This letter was published in another Shrine Temple newsletter. They don't want to get a letter like this, nor do we.

Dear Illustrious Sir and members of the Divan,

I'm the guy who was asked to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join. I'm the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal. I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly with some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies to talk to and to sit next to. I sat down alone several times but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take a part in a fund-raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV. I attended the following meeting and no one asked where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job, loves the community and his country. You know who else I am? I'm the guy who never came back.

It amuses me when I think back on how the heads of the organization were discussing why the organization was losing members. It amuses me now to think that you spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All you had to do was make me feel needed, wanted and welcome.

Regretfully yours,
A member lost



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