



# TUNIS NEWS

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## “Membership – Our Priority”



NOBLES AND LADIES:

Lady Miriam and I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve you as Potentate and First Lady for 2016. It was a wonderful year, very busy however, with your support and assistance we can report that we thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The most memorable part of the experience was meeting so many very nice people in Tunis as well as in the other Temples in the Northeast. The year has taught us that if we work together we can accomplish good things, especially for the kids at our hospitals. Thank you for your support.

Financially our objectives for 2016 were two fold. Donate \$100,000.00 to our Hospital and to balance our 2016 budget with a minimum deficit. I am pleased to report that we have achieved both of these objectives. We were successful in reducing expenditures and this has helped minimize the deficit. I thank the Divan for their support in meeting these

objectives and also the Clubs and Units that made significant financial contributions to Tunis in 2016.

I wish to thank the Divan for their support and guidance throughout the year. The things we achieved for Tunis are attributable to your efforts and support. Thank you all.



We wish you, your Ladies and Families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Lionel Rowe, Potentate 2016

**HIGH-LIGHT OF THE YEAR  
Imperial Potentate's Visit  
Legion of Honour Ceremony**

The Legion of Honour held its annual Remembrance Ceremony on June 4, 2016 at the Beechwood Military Cemetery, Ottawa. Over 50 Nobles participated in the Ceremony. The Highlight of the ceremony was the participation of the Imperial Potentate Jerry Gantt who laid the wreath this year.

The Imperial Potentate's visit was a very pleasant surprise. His decision to visit Tunis is an indicator of the esteem in which our Nobility is held.

**TUNIS 179 - 2017 ELECTED DIVAN**



Congratulations to the 2017 Potentate and his Divan on their election on December 3, 2016. We wish them every success for 2017.

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| Potentate               | David Wood           |
| Chief Rabban            | Gary Tristram        |
| Assistant Rabban        | Robert Schrader      |
| High Priest and Prophet | Chris Wanna          |
| Oriental Guide          | Lyle Cavanagh        |
| Treasurer               | Dennis Saikaley P.P. |
| Recorder                | Perry McConnell P.P. |

The Installation of Officers for 2017 will be held at the Ottawa masonic Center on January 7, 2017 beginning at 10:00 AM. Please remember that the Installation is open to the public please bring your family and friends.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AWARDS**



On December 3 representative of the Shriners Hospital for Children Canada visited Tunis and presented Capital Campaign awards to organizations and individual who contributed \$2,000.00 or more to the "Exceptional Care for Exceptional Kids Campaign". Tunis donated \$621,000.00 which exceeded its original commitment of \$400,000.00.

Tunis Shriners has had some very interesting activities this year. Most significant was the completion of the Hospital's Capital Campaign in May. The Campaign exceeded its target with total pledges of \$130,650, 237.00.

We thank the Secretary of S.H.C. Montreal Board of Governors, Noble Dave Merrett and Natalie Kamel, Director Donor Development for their excellent presentations.

The following is the list of award recipients:

**Donor**

Tunis Shriners  
Noble Gary Brown  
Land O' Lakes Shrine Club  
OES - Success Chapter 30  
Ottawa Valley Shrine Club  
Noble John and Lady Darlyne  
Searle  
Tay Clyde Shrine Club  
Tay Clyde SC Ladies Craft  
Group  
Noble Larry and Lady Debbie  
Truman  
Tunis Shrine Klowns  
Mrs. Audrey E. Wilson  
Garwin Edwards  
Nicholas Mahara  
Len & Mary Potechin  
Foundation  
Capital Shrine Club  
Brockville District Shrine Club  
Ill. Sir John and Lady Lesley  
Ruffo  
Ill. Sir Donald and Lady Marie  
Moore  
Ill. Sir Richard and Lady Nancy  
Abrams  
Sakina Temple No. 145  
Five B Family Foundation (Eric  
Baker)  
Allan Chartered Accountant  
Gal Power Systems Ottawa Ltd  
Canadian Tire Corp  
Katherine Moffat  
Costco Wholesale Social  
Committee  
CIBC Children's Foundation

**ARABIAN NIGHTS FUND RAISER**

On November 4, 2016 the Capital Shrine Club and the Daughters of the Nile held a joint Fund raiser that they call the Arabian Nights. The event was held at the El Mazaj Restaurant and featured fabulous Lebanese food and live and silent auctions. The event was a huge success with 250 people attending. The Arabian Nights raised \$19,000.00 which was donated to the Montreal Hospital. The funds were directed to the purchase of wheel chairs for Hospital patients.

A special thanks to Denise Wanna who was the lead for the Daughters of the Nile and to John and Julie Hawkins who were the lead for the Capital Shrine Club.

This was a first joint fundraiser for Tunis and the Daughters of the Nile and what a first it was!

This shows that when we work together for our kids we can make a difference. Great work. Congratulations!

**HOSPITAL DADDY PROGRAM**

Several years ago we make a commitment to donate \$100,000.00 to the capital campaign through the Circus Daddy program. This year the new Daddy Program has raised \$27,000.00 towards our overall obligation. To date we have donated approximately \$50,000.00. Over the next three years we have an obligation to donate the remaining \$50,000.00 to the capital campaign through the new Hospital Daddy Program. The Hospital Daddy Program will be operated by the Capital Shrine Club in 2017 and Noble



Wayne Keech will be the program coordinator. All donations are tax deductible.

## HOSPITAL DONATIONS



On December 15, Divan representatives made Tunis final donation of \$60,000.00 to Shriners Hospital for Children Canada for 2016. This brought our total donation for 2016 to just over &100,000.00 which was our objective for this year.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is still our priority. Our challenge is to increase our membership toward our overall objective of reaching 600 members. It will be quite a challenge to achieve this objective in the long term especially with the impact that the Black Camel is having on membership.

This year we initiated 26 new Nobles. In 2017 our objective will be to initiate 40 new Nobles. We will be developing a new membership strategy to help us achieve this objective. A membership plan will be available in early 2017.

## NORTHEAST FIELD DAYS – 2017

2017 will be a very busy year with the Northeast Shrine Association Field Days being held in Ottawa in August 2017. The 2017 Potentate and Divan will need your support, please step up to the plate and help them make Tunis shine during Canada's 150 birthday.

## HOSPITAL VISIT



In November, 45 Nobles, ladies and friends attended a Temple sponsored tour of our Hospital in Montreal. It was a great trip and everyone was impressed with the new facility. It is very different from the original hospital on Mount Royal. The new hospital is designed to make children welcome and its themes represent the different regions of Canada. Those who have not yet had the opportunity to visit should plan to take a temple sponsored tour in 2017.

## NEW HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE

We are pleased to advise that Ill. Sir Perry McConnell has been appointed to the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston as a full member. For the past several years he has served Boston Hospital as an Associate Member. We wish to extend our congratulations to Ill Sir Perry.



## NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST!

We are looking for a name for our newsletter. If you have a suggestion please put it forward to the Recorder. The Divan will select a winner before the next Newsletter in 2017. The Noble who puts forward the best suggestion will **receive a free membership for 2017 as well as a complimentary initiation fee for the new candidate of his choice.**

Put on your thinking caps and give us some interesting suggestions!

## UP-COMING EVENTS

### DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Sakina Temple #145 will be holding its annual winter Brunch on January 15, 2017 at St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church from 11:30AM to 1:30 PM.

Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from Sandra Hatzis 613-850-0484 or [sandra@hatzis.ca](mailto:sandra@hatzis.ca)

*BY SUPPORTING "THE DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE" YOU ARE SUPPORTING SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN – CANADA.*

### THE CAPITAL SHRINE CLUB Proudly Presents Robert Burns Supper



Saturday, January 21, 2017

Royal Canadian Legion  
Upper Floor  
330 Kent St, Ottawa, ON K2P 2A6  
Happy Hour: 6:00 pm - till closing

Supper: 7:00 pm

Haggis Addressed Dedicated and Cut

PRIZES AND SURPRISES

Cost \$ 40.00

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