



Potentate's Message



Greetings. Lady Debbie and I hope everyone is doing well and still taking the necessary precautions to stay safe and getting vaccinated.

Tip of the Fez to Brockville & District S.C. for winning the Shriners International Fun and Fellowship Award for Adapting an Existing Temple, Club or Unit Event and staying active in this troubled time. I must say how proud I am of the B.D.S.C. and Tunis Nobles, Ladies and their friends for all their votes. Being able to pull this one off was amazing. We were up against some big U.S. temples. I thank each of you for taking the time and all your votes.

On Thursday April 15 at 7:00 p.m. we're doing a Zoom Virtual Ceremonial that is to be used for an open (public) ceremonial where physical gathering is not possible. So I hope you all can help welcome in our new nobles. Noble Ken Brinston, Membership Chairman, is working hard. We're still looking for more new members. We have a few more applications that have come into the office so we will be voting on them at the next stated meeting. Therefore, if you know of anyone that might want to join, now is the time to have them apply.

On Saturday April 17 at 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560 will be hosting a Zoom meeting with a guest speaker III. Sir Jim Doel, Trustee Shriners Hospitals For Children. For information please contact Noble Angus Gillis at angusg1955@gmail.com.

On March 24 III. Sir Dennis Saikaley and I had the opportunity to speak to the Board of SHC-Canada. In 2014 the Nursing Project was started and Tunis has donated every year. To jump start this year's Nursing Project, Tunis Shriners donated \$10,000.

Shriners Hospital for Children at Montreal and Philadelphia have openings on their boards for new members. The application deadline is April 30. If you're interested in one of these boards, please contact me for the information package.

Upcoming events that are being planned and hopefully they will happen:

Saturday June 5 Tunis Wreath Laying Ceremony (due to Covid-19 pandemic this will be limited to the Potentate and the LOH executive)

Sunday June 6 Shriners International Awareness Day (more details to come)

July 4-8 2021 Imperial session, Houston Texas

Monday August 2 Canada Shriners Hospital Golf Tournament, Summerlea Golf & Country Club (details below)

Tuesday August 24 Tunis Golf Tournament (more details to come)

October 1-3 NSA Field Days, Gananoque

Please stay safe - Until we meet again-
With family fun in 2021



Your in the faith

Ill Sir Lyle Cavanagh

NSA Mid-Winter Meeting

While we have just entered another lockdown here in Ontario, we're still hopeful that Tunis will be able to host the NSA Field Days in Gananoque and welcome all of our friends from Tunis and the North East Shrine Association.

As part of the planning for the October 1-3 event, Tunis hosted a virtual Mid-winter Zoom meeting on April 8th. There was a full agenda and we had over 50 Nobles on the call who were welcomed by our Potentate and NSA 2021 President, Ill. Sir Lyle Cavanagh.

We were thrilled to have a surprise visit by our Imperial Potentate, Imp. Sir Jim Smith, He said that the planning was moving ahead for the Imperial Sessions in Houston, Texas in July and hoped for many of us would be there. Imperial Sir congratulated the Brockville & District Shrine Club on their win and said he was impressed with their submission. He also spoke the importance of membership and acknowledged that a number of Temples are succeeding. He congratulated us on the Mid-winter and wished us all the success going forward, but of all, encouraged us to stay safe.

We were also joined by two other Imperial officers: Imp. Sir Brad Koehn, Imperial Treasurer, and Imp. Sir Jim Doel, Trustee. Imp. Sir Brad Koehn gave us a presentation from the Capital

Evaluation Committee which highlighted the connection between membership and the financial health of Shriners International. He went through some of the changes that have been made to both raise money (e.g. membership book; Challenge coins) and reduce expenses (e.g. Shriners International Education Seminars save on sales taxes; reducing mileage rate). With annual deficits projected to increase for the next few years for Shriners International, there are a number of other areas that are being evaluated to reduce expenses (e.g. electronic calls and proceedings; Imperial Sessions expenses).

The Nobles received updates from the hospitals in our area: Canada, Boston and Springfield. All the hospitals are working hard to successfully adapt to the changing health care environment. Our local Member of the Provincial Parliament, Lisa MacLeod, also brought greetings from the provincial government.



With the elections at the Imperial Session, we were also able to hear from two people who are running for Imperial



Outer Guard (Ill. Sirs Ron DeVoll and Tim Forbes) and two who are running for Trustee (Imp. Sir Paul Poulin (current trustee) and Ill. Sir Arrocha).

more Nobles participating. Please help us reach our goal!

**Tunis Hospital Daddy Program
Fund Raising Campaign 2021
Goal - \$20,000.00**

For the upcoming Field Days, Ill. Sir Saikaley, provided an update on the plans for this October in Gananoque (a state of the nation is planned for June). Anah Temple (NSA 2022 in Bangor, Maine) and Bektash Temple (NSA 2023 in Concord. New Hampshire) also provided updates. After some discussion, the NSA made a decision to award the 2024 North-east Shrine Association Days to Tunis Shriners.



Black Camel, Sick & Visiting, Lost in the Desert and Shriners Milestones

No report.

Event Calendar

Meetings/Events

May 5 5:30 p.m. Divan Zoom Meeting

Daddy Program

Thank you to all who have donated so far this year. Let's keep it going. With your help we can exceed our goal of \$20,000. As of April 8 we have reached \$17,600 with only 110 Nobles participating (23% of the membership).

Donate A Dollar Daily (DADDY)

What if you donated a dollar (\$1) per day (or \$30 per month, \$360 for the year) through the TADS program? Even half that amount, \$15 per month, would see us reaching our goal with just 13

Ladies' Project – Cookbook Fundraiser

The Tunis Ladies continue to be active and setting a high bar in terms of engagement and communication. Their monthly newsletter comes out like clockwork with informative news about the hospital, ladies activities, important dates (birthdays and anniversaries), recipes, knitting or crocheting ideas, along with all sorts of tidbits of knowledge.

The Ladies are also moving ahead with a fundraiser that will support an important initiative as well as provide some help to the chefs/cooks who are



looking for proven favourites to put a delicious meal or dessert on the table.

Not your Average Cookbook is a collection of recipes by the Tunis Nobles and Ladies. There are over 100 recipes from many contributors! They're organized into different categories (e.g. Easy Entertaining; Chef inspired; From around the World). The book also includes numerous tips (e.g. spice guide; equivalents and substitutions; conversions) that will be helpful in the kitchen.

All proceeds will be for the First Ladies Project – 2021 & 2022 and our continuing role for patients' parents at Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada.

Ladies Debbie and Andrée, our First Ladies for 2021 and 2022, have chosen **"FAMILY"** as their focus during their years. Everyone knows about the excellent family-centered care that is provided through Shriners Hospital for Children. We all know that our "children" are in the best of care during their surgery/procedures, but what about our "children's parents" who sit and wait during these long periods of unknown? The Ladies felt that there is an opportunity for Tunis to support the parents and some of their needs.

The aim of this project is to supply a Comfy Fezzy Bear Bag containing items we all seem to forget to pack (e.g. phone chargers, toiletries) but don't want to go back home to get.

The Ladies have already arranged some items (e.g. Keurig coffee machines, shampoo), but this fundraiser will enable

them to do more. Individual donations have already covered the cookbook printing costs, so even more money will go towards making a difference.

This will be a great gift. So please speak to your family and friends about purchasing a cookbook.

To all clubs and units - use this as a fundraiser. For every book you sell, you will receive a commission.

If you want a book or would like to have your club or unit participate, please contact First Lady Debbie Cavanagh (613-839-5311, Debbie.cavanagh58@gmail.com) or Lady Andrée Riffou (613-291-9155, andree@plumbline.ca).

SHC-Canada 10th Annual Golf Tournament- Save the Date for this Exceptional Fundraising Event!

On behalf of the Golf Committee and the young children we proudly treat, we cannot thank you enough for your support of our exceptional Hospital. We look forward to welcoming you to the 10th anniversary of the Canada Shriners Hospital Invitational on **Monday August 2, 2021 at Summerlea Golf & Country Club**. Stay tuned, additional details for foursome purchase and sponsorship will follow shortly. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Bradley at 514-282-8544 or by email at jbradley@shrinenet.org.