



TUNIS NEWS

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“Membership – Our Priority”

Nobles:



The year has been very busy. However it has been rewarding for Lady Miriam and I. We are enjoying the Club and Unit visitations and meeting with the Nobility and their Ladies. We are pleased with the support we are receiving from the Nobility.

We are having an issue with the dissemination of information to the Nobility. Consequently the Divan has decided that we issue a newsletter to advise the nobility of our important activities to date and to provide a schedule of events for this summer and fall.

As well if you have changed your email address please notify the recorder, or the Administrative Assistant. It is important that we maintain a current email list of our members to ensure effective communications on a regular basis.
recorder@tunis179.org

admin@tunis179.org

Please note that our next Stated Meeting will be August 31, 2016. Call Letter is enclosed.

Tunis is setting up a new web site which should be operational by the time you receive this newsletter. Please check out the new web site at www.tunis179.org.

We have a lot of work to do to rebuild our membership. I am pleased that the Clubs are starting to work with the Masonic Lodges by sponsoring Master Mason nights which promote awareness of the Shrine and recruitment. Please keep up the good work and thanks for your support.

A very busy summer has been planned, with numerous activities scheduled to promote Shrine Awareness and Public Relations. Your support of these activities will be appreciated.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy summer.

Lionel Rowe, Potentate 2016

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The following is an excerpt from an email that Noble Barry Burchill sent to his fellow members of the Hillbillies following their excellent presentation of the EA degree at Quarry Lodge on June 11.

His comments put what we do as Masons and Shriners in perspective.

“Just a quick note to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for an amazing performance yesterday at the Quarry. We've gotten many positive comments from those in attendance, when we first assembled to march in I could see we managed to raise a few eyebrows! However once we kicked it into gear, everyone realized these "funny dressed Shriner's" take their Masonry very seriously.

I personally have been very blessed in our fraternity, I've done 1000 times more than I ever imagined I would or could do. Seeing Masonry done the way it was done yesterday, made me so proud to be a Mason, a Shriner, and a Hillbilly and more important to have a group of friends like you guys, who would give up a Saturday for this degree.

Maybe, just maybe our performance will spur on those watching to get more involved with their Lodge, more active in the Shrine or maybe even become a Shriner, but at the end of the day we managed to put a few smiles on some faces, and spread some good will. I hope the brethren in attendance, tell their friends. "Man that was a great afternoon"

I am forever in your debt for the effort you guys put into yesterday.”

NEWS OF NOTE

HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES

Capital Campaign

Tunis Shriners have 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. This means that the Hospital will come in on budget.

The Tunis contribution, which was originally set at \$300,000.00, will actually be \$606,000.00. This, on a per capita basis, makes Tunis the highest Temple contributor to the Campaign.

Illustrious Sir John Ruffo has decided to step down as an Associate Member of the Montreal Board of Directors. John joined the Board in 2005 and took on the responsibility to coordinate the Capital Campaign for the Canadian Temples. After eleven years of hard work and dedicated service he has decided to step back and relax. His contribution to the Campaign was significant and on your behalf I extend to him our appreciation for a job well done.

HOSPITAL DADDY PROGRAM

PLEASE SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL DADDY PROGRAM

Over the next four years we have an obligation to donate \$77,000.00 to the capital campaign through the new Hospital Daddy Program. The Daddy Letters have been mailed and you are encouraged to give generously to support the campaign. All donations are tax deductible.

HOSPITAL DONATIONS 2016

This year we have established a goal of at least \$100,000.00 as our contribution to the Hospital. Our donations this year will be focused on Research. We hope that with the continued support of the Clubs and Units we will exceed this goal.

Thank you to the following Clubs and Units that have contributed so far in 2016:

Brockville and District Shrine Club
Land O'Lakes Shrine Club
Tay Clyde Shrine Club
S.M.A.R.T. Unit

MEMBERSHIP

In 2015 Tunis achieved a Silver Award from Imperial for membership. This year we have been challenged to increase our membership total. Our objective this year is to initiate 48 new Candidates. Our long term objective is to reach a membership goal of 600 Nobles.



S.M.A.R.T. UNIT

As a Temple we will have to be innovative and creative. We have had significant success with the S.M.A.R.T. approach. The team has attracted quite a few new members who are very interested and active in membership recruitment. In order to focus our membership efforts we have established the Team as a Unit of Tunis Shriners. The role of the newly formed S.M.A.R.T. Unit is to promote membership and give support to the membership activities of the Clubs and Units.

The S.M.A.R.T. Team (Shrine Membership Awareness and Retention Team) have made excellent presentations to many of the Shrine Clubs. It appears that their work is having a very positive impact on attracting potential candidates. The Unit members are available to make presentations to the Clubs and Units to promote membership.

If you are looking for additional information please check out the S.M.A.R.T Unit Facebook page and their website.

<https://www.facebook.com/smartshriners/?fref=ts>
<http://smartshriners.com/>

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. He was attended by the

International Legion of Honour Commander and our Potentate.

The Ceremony was followed by a luncheon provided by the Daughters of the Nile at the Temple office at the Ottawa Masonic Center.

PRESENTATION TO LADY LISA GANTT



Lady Lisa's project for 2015-2016 "In Dreams I Walk" was implemented to raise funds to promote research into Osteogenesis Imperfecta also known as Brittle Bone Disease. Shriner Hospital for Children – Canada at Montreal is a recognized world leader in O.I. research and treatment.

The S.M.A.R.T team undertook several awareness project to raise funds for Lady Lisa's project. Their efforts raised \$1,000.00. In addition the Divan approved a donation of an additional \$10,000.00 to her project. In total Tunis Shriners donated \$11,000.00 to SHC – Canada in the name of Lady Lisa's O.I. project. The original project objective was to raise \$250,000.00. The Tunis donation raised the total for the project to over \$400,000.00.

BUDGET UPDATE

The 2016 budgets for Tunis Shriners #179 (fraternal) and Tunis Temple Shriners Limited (corporate) are on track to achieve the objectives described in the 2016 budgets as approved by the Nobility at the February Financial meeting.

We will be providing a full budget update for the first six months of operation later this summer.

UP- COMING EVENTS

Ceremonial and Visitation

The Ceremonial has been booked for September 9-10 in Ottawa. It will be held at the Delta Hotel on Lyon Street Ottawa. Details are available from the office.

North East Shrine Association

The N.E.S.A Field Days will be held in Fredericton N.B. from September 23 to 25, 2016. We have arranged for accommodations at the Delta Hotel in Fredericton. The three night stay at the Hotel including hospitality will cost \$550.00 per couple. We have also arranged a bus at a cost of \$150.00 per person. The Temple Dinner will be held at the Diplomat Restaurant which is next to our Hotel. Price \$35.00 per person. The Ladies Lunch and the Awards Banquet will also be held at the Delta Hotel. Cost of each of those events is \$40.00 per person. A registration form is included with the newsletter. If you would like to attend please return it, with payment to Barb at the Office

SHRINERS AWARENESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ottawa Sports and Entertainment

We are in the process of establishing Shriner Awareness Days with the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group including:

Red blacks (Football), August 19, 2016
Ottawa Fury (Soccer), October 9, 2016
Ottawa 67's (Hockey) Date to be determined

The objective of these projects is to promote Tunis Shriners at significant sports venues around our area this summer and fall. Tunis will be selling discounted tickets for each game and we will have a display in the arrivals area.

Ottawa Sooners

We are also working with the Ottawa Sooners, a junior football organization, to promote a Shrine Awareness Day. They have organized a Shrine Bowl Game for July 23, 2016. The Sooners have arranged to bring in a team from the Quebec league to participate in this Shrine Awareness Day. The game will be played at Carleton University.

We need the presence of the Fez at these events. We encourage you to come to the games and wear your Fez.

The Contacts for Sports events are Peter Rippstein and Michael Pembroke.

Tunis Shriners/Masonic Golf Tournament

This is an opportunity for a good fraternal fundraiser. It will be held at the Marshes Golf Club on August 30, 2016.

The cost of the Tournament is \$125.00 per player or \$500.00 per team. Included in your registration:

1. Golf (including golf cart)
2. Locker room (including individual lockers)
3. Free access to the driving range
4. Individual participation gifts
5. Memory photo
6. BBQ Lunch
7. Awards Dinner (Tunis Shriners Annual Masonic Golf Trophy)

We plan on having a great day of friendship and fun, with a number of challenges set out on the putting green and course, i.e. putting contest, closest to the hole, longest drive, hole in one and the pro challenge.



SUMMARY OF PARADES AND EVENTS

The following is a summary of the parades and events that have been planned so far this year. Please note that this is not the final list and other activities will be included by the Clubs and Units.

DATE	ACTIVITIES		
		July 23	200 yrs. Centennial Perth
June 18	Klowns at Smiths Falls Street Fair	July 30	International Seaway Festival, Ogdensburg, N.Y.
June 25 th	Klowns Visiting Rosedale, Sherwood Park Manor and St. Lawrence Lodge	Aug. 06	Puppets Up, International Puppet Festival, Almonte
June 25	Hillbilly Chow Down and Initiation of Paws and Maws	August 19	Shrine Awareness RedBlacks Football Game
June 30	Canada Eve Day, Pakenham	August 30	Tunis Golf Tournament - Marshes
July 01	Canada Day Parade, Merrickville	September 4	Labour Day Parade Huevelton N.Y.
July 01	Canada Day Parade, Kemptville	September 5	North Augusta Labour Day Parade
July 3 – 7	Imperial Session Tampa	September 9, 10	Tunis Ceremonial and Visitation, Ottawa
July 9th	Brockville Downtown Sidewalk Sale; BBQ Hot Dogs	Sept. 17	Richmond Agricultural Fair
July 23	Ottawa Sooners Shrine Football Game 1:00PM	Sept. 22-24	N.E.S.A. Field Days, Fredericton N.B.
		October 1	Hillbilly Gala, Carp Agricultural Center