



Nobles of Tunis,

Last year, I mentioned how Tunis Shriners like so many other Temples in our system has been in a downward spiral in regards our total membership numbers. We are presently still below **600** members and Tunis has forfeited both a representative and a vote at future Imperial Sessions as a result. Our current membership number presently stands at **569** leaving us still **31** members short of our goal of 600. On the positive side of things, due to the efforts of many of our Nobility, Tunis was able to create **25** new Nobles in 2015 and our suspension number was kept to 2. As a direct result of these efforts it is my pleasure to inform you that Tunis has qualified for the Shriners International **Silver Membership Award** in recognition of our overall performance improvement. It is also my pleasure to report that the **Brockville & District Shrine Club** is the first recipient of the **Tunis 600 Club Membership Trophy** in recognition of their valiant efforts in recruiting new members for Tunis. I wish to thank you all for your efforts and ask again that all Nobles, Tunis Clubs and Units do their part in this vital initiative to turn things around. It is my fervent hope that if we all still truly believe in what being a Shriner stands for and are still willing to uphold the obligation which we took at our initiations then we can make this happen together. Think about it Nobles, it is really not an insurmountable task if we all truly work at it together. Become a member of the **Tunis 600 Club** and go out to your Lodges & talk to your fellow brethren, suggest a visit of the Shrine Degree Team or a Shrine presentation at your Lodge. If every one of us recruited just **1 new member** we would be well on our way to having the numbers that Tunis once enjoyed in the past. Below, once again, are listed the suggested membership quotas assigned to our various Clubs & Units for 2016 as well as a list of incentives for reaching certain goals.

Capital Shrine Club:4

Land of Lakes SC: 5

Brockville SC: 5

1001 Islands SC: 2

Ottawa Valley SC: 3

Tay Clyde SC: 2

Divan: 4

Oriental Band: 2

Cabiri: 2

Legion of Honour: 2

Provost : 2

Circus: 3
Klowns: 2
Kops: 2
Air Force: 2
Directors Staff (incl.Hillbillies): 3

S.M.A.R.T. Team: 3

TOTAL: 48

Incentives

Any individual member who “top line” signs 5 new members will receive an attractive jacket with the Shrine/Mason crest. Note: this does not have to be accomplished in 1 year.

Any individual member who “top line” signs 7 new members will be awarded 1 night's hotel accommodation at the Lord Elgin Hotel for the 2017 NSA meeting which will be held in Ottawa. Note: this does not have to be accomplished in 1 year.

The Club or Unit that annually achieves the highest number of signings above their assigned quota will get their name engraved on the newly created Tunis 600 Club Trophy. **and have the Divan cook & serve their members a spaghetti dinner.**

Nobles, I am hoping that we can go about this membership initiative together in the true spirit of a fraternal challenge and competition with prizes worth winning while strengthening our commitment to further our cause for the years to come. If you are not a member of a Club or Unit you may still contribute on an individual basis and take part in this challenge and reward initiative.

In addition to this, the Membership Committee has sent letters soliciting invitations for Shrine presentations to Lodges within the Tunis jurisdiction.

Nobles, let us all join forces and make this year another record setting membership year for Tunis. **Lets go for the GOLD & get back to 600**

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