

# The Wandering Divan



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# "Stronger Together"

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Fellow Nobles, it gives me great pleasure to deliver to you the very first issue of The Wandering Divan, a newsletter of the Divan of the Mazol Shriners. The purpose of our Newsletter is to bring the Divan closer to the various clubs and the Nobility situated around our province. As we travel to the various encampments we will report on our visits and pass along to you the many things we will learn along the way. This Newsletter will also be an opportunity for me and the Divan to inform you and keep you abreast of what we are doing. We had a very successful Annual meeting this year despite the winter storm that engulfed St. John's. Many of you were not able to attend the meeting so this issue will bring you some of the highlights of the weekend beginning with my address at our Annual Banquet.

I have two main objectives for my year as your Potentate, Increased Membership and the building of closer ties between the Divan and all Nobility in the province. It is my hope that this Newsletter will help accomplish both.

If you have any suggestions for this Newsletter, please pass them along to our Editor, Noble Paul Reid.

Thank you, ILL. Sir Rolly Card



**Illustrious Sir Rolly Card** 



Potentate remarks to Mazol AGM and Installation Banquet. Holiday Inn, St. John's

## Illustrious Sirs, Members of the Divan, Special guest, Nobles, Ladies and Gentlemen

Last time I was this excited... was the time I was appointed 1st Vice President of the Greater Herring Neck Regional Chapter of the Society of Natural History dedicated to the study of the sex habits of the local snail population.... but I digress.

First let me say what an honour it is for me to be standing here tonight as Potentate of Mazol Shriners for 2017. I am truly humbled by the confidence and trust you have placed in me and I hope that at the end of my term you will be able to say that your trust and confidence was well placed.

It's great to see that so many of you decided to brave the elements and come out to attend this weekend's events. You know, we're a rare lot...we must be. We work tirelessly to support our fraternity and our Philanthropy "Shriners Hospitals for Children". We attend meetings. We fundraise. We cook meals and we eat, drink and party.....and we have fun doing it. Not everything is rosy all the time but we love what we do....so we suck it up and do it anyway..... and so it is this weekend. We believe strongly in our cause, so, it's no wonder to me that we, Mazol Shriners...you.... have achieved a great deal of success.

We have a very good and well managed patient care system. Our patient Katherine Cole's story as delivered tonight by Patient Chair, Noble Ralph Miller, attested to that fact. Thank you, Noble Ralph, for those remarks. This past year (2016) we treated 72 children from this province at our Montreal, Boston and Philadelphia Hospitals and our Gander outreach clinic, for a total of 117 appointments.

We contributed almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million dollars toward construction of our new Canadian Hospital that opened in Montreal in October, 2015, at a cost of \$130,000,000.00.

Those are things that all Mazol Shriners and Ladies can take pride in.

Great things are happening behind the scenes as well. For example, just this past week, through the combined efforts of some of our local Shriners, and some of our Montreal Hospital staff, arrangements were made for one of our shrine patients to meet his hero, Hockey sensation Sydney Crosby, while our patient was attending an appointment at our Montreal Hospital. That's not something money can buy, and those things don't just happen ...but they do when Shriners get involved. You can bet that was one happy patient. Thank you to the people that made that happen.

One of the traditions we have as Shriners is that each new Potentate has a lapel pin made to celebrate his year. Like all past potentates, I did the same. On the table beside your setting is a pin. The design is something Lady Helen and I worked on together and reflects who we are and our place...where we live. We requested, and was granted, permission from the province to use the Provincial "coat of arms". If you read the words at the bottom it says, "stronger together", which reflects the fact that we are stronger and more effective when we all work together. In addition, Lady Helen has her own pin that she is using as a fundraiser for the year. I'm going to ask her to come up and tell you a bit about it herself...Lady Helen.

One of the greatest strengths we have is our Shrine ladies. I must tell you I'm an advocate for greater involvement by our Shrine Ladies in all aspects of our organization. Our ladies are a huge source of strength and support in everything we do. **Thank you, ladies.** 

There are a couple of initiatives that are high priorities going forward. One and probably the biggest one is membership growth. Like most service organizations we are finding it difficult to attract new members. In fact, despite considerable effort, our membership has been in decline in the recent past. That's not surprising, however, we must stop and reverse that trend, if our fraternity is to carry on the work we are doing, into the future. Our new Membership Chair, Noble Brandon Pike, who is one of our youngest Nobles, has agreed to take on the task of recruiting new members. We have set a target of 25 new members for 2017. Noble Brandon is young, full of energy, and eager to get at his new role. He has shared some of what he has in mind with me, and I like what he's planning. That said, he will need the support of the clubs, units and Nobles. If you know a Master Mason in your lodge that might be interested in joining the Shrine, let Noble Brandon (brandonpike@hotmail.com). He will do the rest.

Communications, both internal and external is something that we must improve. We need to get better at bringing our message to the

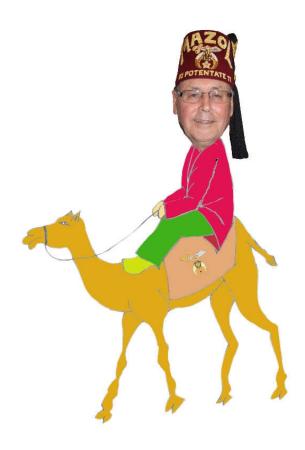
public and we need to improve on how we communicate amongst ourselves so we are more aware of what we are all doing at the club level and what the executive is doing on behalf of the membership. We have made some steps in the right direction but we need to do more. I believe strongly that an informed membership is a better served membership.

I want to finish by saying that myself and Lady Helen can do very little by ourselves, however, as an organization of energized Shriners and Shrine ladies we can do just about anything we put our minds to. I want all of you to think about that in the days and weeks ahead, and let's work together to grow our Temple and help the kids of this province, that need our help. Just think about it...we are,

## "Stronger Together".

Thank you,

ILL. Sir Rolly Card Potentate 2017 Mazol Shriners



## Let me introduce your Divan





Illustrious Sir Rolland Card Potentate





Noble Paul Rose Chief Rabban



Noble J. Robert Barrett, Asst. Rabban



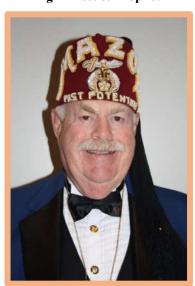
Noble David G. Pike High Priest & Prophet



Noble C. Brian Peckford Oriental Guide



Noble Michael E. Bruce Treasurer



ILL. Sir William W. Smith Recorder

## **Installation and Banquet Pictures**



L TO R Back: Noble Bill Smith & Lady Betty, Noble Brian Peckford & Lady Cheryle, Noble David Pike & Lady Brenda, Noble Michael Bruce L TO R: Front: Noble Paul Rose & Lady Sharon, ILL. Sir Rolly Card & Lady Helen, Noble Robert Barrett & Lady Zana.







ILL. Sir Rolly Card with his children L TO R: Jason, Noble Max Downey, Tracy, Jeff, and ILL. Sir Rolly Card



2017 Divan Ladies



Mazol Shriner of the Year 2016 Noble Walter Bennett



L TO R: ILL. Sirs, P.P.'s John Brake, Den Billiard & George Stockley.



ILL. Sir Elmer Ryzuk, P.P. & Lady Margaret



**Noble Scott Bartlett with Lady Karen** 



Our Marshalls with ILL. Sir Rolly Card



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Shriners Hospitals for Children® is a unique health care system with a reputation for finding answers, and giving families hope. At our 22 locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, children receive expert care for orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay for services. Since opening our first hospital in 1922, we have provided care to more than 1.3 million children, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

A Tradition of Providing State-of-the-Art Specialty Care In the 1920s, the first Shriners Hospital was opened primarily to help children who had contracted polio. Today, the majority of our 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children provide care for children with all types of orthopaedic conditions, including clubfoot, hip disorders, limb deficiencies and deformities, scollosis, and orthopaedic difficulties related to

scollosis, and orthopaedic difficulties related to cerebral palsy and other neuromuscular conditions. Aware of a need for medical expertise in pediatric burn care, we opened three hospitals specializing in acute and rehabilitative burn care in the mid-1960s. These are the only hospitals that were initially established exclusively for the treatment of pediatric burns and related conditions. A fourth hospital in our health care system offers treatment in all four of our care disciplines, including burns. These hospitals continue to be pioneers in pediatric burn treatment. our care disciplines, including ourns. Inese nospital continue to be pioneers in pediatric burn treatment and research and are recognized as leaders in the development of improved and innovative treatment techniques.

In the early 1980s, our organization opened the

nation's first pediatric spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers. There, patients have access to a complete range of services needed to recover to the fullest extent possible.

Cleft lip and palate is the health care system's fourth service line. Facial clefts are one of the most common birth defects in the U.S. Despite the frequency of its occurrence, and the severity of the deformities, comprehensive care for patients with cleft lip and palate can be difficult to obtain. Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to improving care for children with this condition through a coordinated program of clinical excellence, teaching and research

**Groundbreaking Research and Discoveries** Shriners Hospitals for Children strives to discover answers that will one day improve lives by

conducting high-quality, innovative research



especially in the areas of burns, orthopaedical

musculoskeletal and neurological injury and disease.
Over time, our researchers have made significant breakthroughs in all four of our service lines, improving the care and quality of life for countless children worldwide, while adding to the global body of medical knowledge

## **Educating the Health Care Professionals**

We are also proud of our role in medical education. By maintaining relationships with several medical teaching facilities, Shriners Hospitals for Children fosters an academic environment committed to providing superior education for medical professionals and expert care to all patients

Admission to our hospitals is based solely on medical need. All children, under the age of 18, are eligible for care if there is a reasonable possibility they could benefit from the specialized services available. All services are provided regardless of the ability to pay.

**Be Part of Our Mission**At all Shriners Hospitals for Children locations, our patients receive both expert treatment and support that encourages healthy, independent lives. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, our health care system relies on the generosity of donors to carry out this mission of improving the lives of children.

To learn how you can support our efforts, visit donate2shc.org or call 855-401-4897.



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## Shriners Hospitals for Children is Dedicated to **Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation**



Sustaining a spinal cord injury (SCI) can be a cord injury can affect every function of the body

There are 12,000 new cases of spinal cord injury in the U.S. each year, and approximately 10 percent affect children under age 16. Automobile crashes are the leading cause of spinal cord injury.

In addition to providing expert medical and rehabilitative care for a patient with a spinal cord injury, it is critically important for caregivers to be aware of and meet the developmental, social and educational needs of children and adolescents with these injuries in order to ensure they have the best opportunity for a full, satisfying life. Accordingly, in the mid-1980s, Shriners Hospitals for Children<sup>a</sup> established the nation's first spinal cord injury rehabilitation and management programs specifically designed for children and teenagers.

Patients participating in these programs – available at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago, Philadelphia and Sacramento. Calif. – receive the complete range of services needed in order to recover to the fullest extent possible.

As is true of all care offered at Shriners Hospitals As is true or air care oriered at shriners rospirials for Children, the SCI rehabilitation program is family-centered and interdisciplinary, offering each patient a complete, easily accessible care program. The treatment team includes a variety of surgeons and other physicians, nurses, therapiets, therapeutic recreation specialists, psychologists, social workers, and distalies. Innovative therapy efforts include body-weight supported manual treadmill training or robotic treadmill training with the Lokomat, a device that automates movement therapy and improves the efficiency of treadmill training in patients with neurological movement disorders, such as spinal cord injury. Both of these therapies provide weight-bearing opportunities and can help stimulate muscles and build strength and stamina. Some of our hospitals also offer robotic assisted gait training via the ReWalk exoskeleton system.

In addition to therapy, exercise and activity-based rehabilitation, including aqua therapy, pet therapy and adaptive sports, is emphasized. These activities build strength and stamina and increase social interaction, confidence and independence. Some of the hospitals also offer specialty camps emphasizing aspects of health, fitness and independence.

In order to provide the best, most innovative care norder to provide the best, most millowative value possible, Shriners Hospitals for Children is involved in several research efforts involving SCI. These include quality of life studies and studies to understand the complexities of regenerating the spinal cord.

Shriners Hospitals for Children shares its expertise in pediatric spinal cord injury rehabilitation through academic affiliations at prestigious nearby institutions such as Rush Medical College in Chicago, University of California Davis and Temple University in Philadelphia. and through various medical outreach programs.

While the health care system provides this expert care regardless of a family's ability to pay, the organization depends on the generosity of donors to support its mission of caring for children. To learn ho you can help, please visit donate2SHC.org.

For more information about Shriners Hospitals for Children, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org





Respect: Let us look beyond one another's differences and overcome our fears to see the ability in everyone.

Reach Out: Talk to, include and get to know someone who is being treated differently.

Respond: If you see someone being teased or put down, do not participate. Instead, show support for the person and tell an adult.



## **Mazol Dates and Events to Remember**

Our Annual Fezeroo Sweep for 2017 will soon be launching. Watch for it and sell as many tickets as you can.



Fezeroo Sweep Draw for 2016. A fine bunch of Nobles and Lady's



# NSA 2019 is well along in the planning thanks to the Long Range Shine Club. Watch here for details as they become available.



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