



Mazol Shriners The Wandering Divan



“Stronger Together”



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This will be my last opportunity to address the membership, prior to the annual meeting, so on behalf of myself and Lady Helen, a sincere thank you for your support over the past 5 years. It has been an exhilarating journey for both of us. We have met many new Nobles and their Ladies, and enjoyed working with all of you. While I have no illusions that everything is now done, I hope we have made a positive contribution.

A special meeting of the Divan and club representatives took place in Gander on Nov 25th, to address misunderstandings and concerns with respect to some aspects of Mazol Shriners operations, and to consider options for addressing the challenges the Divan and Nobility face going forward. This very productive meeting was attended by 7 of the 10 clubs. Details of the meeting discussions are being compiled and will be forwarded to the clubs.

This year we continued to experience interpersonal conflict in some quarters, that undercut the very principles our Shrine fraternity espouses, in a way that is not constructive or helpful to the promotion of peace and harmony among our membership. I believe this is a major factor in our inability to attract and retain more new members, and is at least partially responsible for some of our membership loss. We spend far too much energy infighting over matters for which there is no evidence that effort spent on those matters will benefit Mazol Shriners or our Philanthropy. It is my hope that we will all place the greater good of our fraternity, and Philanthropy, at the centre of our interactions going forward. In doing so, we will be better able to tap into the full talent, skill, and enjoyment of our members, and at the same time be more attractive to potential new members.



**Illustrious Sir Rolly Card
& Lady Helen**



This year has presented some additional challenges with the failure of our only major Mazol Shriners operations fundraiser, the Fezeroo. In response, we have cut expenses by about \$10,000.00 for the year, and to make up the shortfall to budget of \$50,000.00 have asked the clubs for additional contributions to cover that amount. Keep in mind, that without sufficient funds to cover expenses, Mazol Shriners cannot continue to operate.

Membership growth is the single largest issue facing Mazol Shriners going forward. If we are unable to stop and reverse the declining trend we are headed to numbers that will not support having a shrine center within the province at all. While this is also a Shrine International issue, it is one that can only be solved by each Noble taking on the challenge of bringing in new members, as a personal goal. Our Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, has made membership growth a top priority and is spreading the message everywhere he goes. His slogan is **"I am committed now, R U"**. The point is we need everyone pulling on the same end of the rope, all of the time, to make it happen. **If we don't solve this problem, it very likely won't matter 10 years from now if we had a finance committee, or whether we sell or keep the Topsail Road Mazol headquarters property.**

On the positive side, we have much to be proud of; our H W Duffett RV Park PTF loan will be paid in full this year and the park board plans to make the final payment on its ACOA loan in 2018. As a result, our RV Park is now positioned to contribute a significant financial return to Mazol annually.

After a one-year absence, when they held their AGM outside the province, the Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association (NLCA), is returning in 2018, and have committed to supporting Mazol PTF with funds raised at their annual meeting charity auction gala in March. The NLCA have contributed over \$350,000.00 to Mazol since they chose us as their charity of choice.

We were honoured to represent Mazol Shriners this year at the Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer Hall of Fame Awards. Mazol Shriners was inducted into the hall for our volunteer activities in support of our Philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the children and their families that we support within this province.

Lady Helen's pin project was a great success thanks to the Nobles and Ladies that have supported her through purchases and donations at our visitations and events this year. The Montreal Hospital was presented with two amounts totaling over \$5,000.00 to date, towards the purchase of specialized research

equipment. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to her fundraising project.

We started the Wandering Divan newsletter this year, and including this one, have published four issues during the year. Feedback has been positive. This is a very cost-effective communications vehicle that can continue to be a timely and effective means of communication between the nobility and Mazol Shriners leadership.

We have a core group of Nobles and ladies that continue to support our clubs, units and the Shrine centre, and as a result we have been able to carry out our programs and meet our commitments. Our patient care system is working well thanks again to the dedicated Nobles and ladies that work many volunteer hours to make that happen, **AND**, we are recognized in the community as a highly respected organization that does great work to assist kids and their families that need our help. Yes.... we do make a difference in the lives of the children that we help, and their families; and so, a genuine **thank you**, for everything that you do to make that difference.

Nobles and Ladies, my term on the Divan will end shortly. A new Potentate will be elected to guide Mazol Shriners forward and I wish him every success. There is no doubt about the need for the service we provide or the benefit to our kids and their families. We love what we do, and we get a great deal of satisfaction from doing it, and we know you do as well. Let's keep doing it together, and most importantly, let's keep our masonic principles front and centre as we do so.

Finally, we have to say a special thank you to the team that supported us this year. Your help and support were very much appreciated. Basically, we just had to show up at our planned events, and everything else was in place. Believe me that meant a lot. Thank you again.

Lady Helen and I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and Happy Christmas Season and all the very best to you and your families throughout 2018.

III. Sir Rolly Card and Lady Helen





Farewell and Thank you From Lady Helen



Hello everyone. Happy New Year and all the very best for 2018.

My term as first lady of Mazol Shriners for 2017 is coming to a close, and I have experienced many beautiful moments as we traveled to the club visitations throughout the province, to our Canadian Hospital, and visitations to the other NSA Shrine centres. Thank you for those memories.

I chose to have a fundraiser this year in the way of a Butterfly pin and bookmark to sell at \$10.00 for both. The proceeds of this pin goes to our Montreal Canadian Shriners Hospital for Children, to be used for the purchase of advanced research equipment. At this time I have about 100 pins left that I would like to sell in order to finish my project. If anyone is interested in purchasing one to help with this very worthwhile initiative, they are available by contacting me at helenmcard@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone that has supported me thus far. I really appreciate it.

Lady Helen Card



**Lady Helen presenting cheque from
Butterfly Project to Ill. Sir Bill Miller,
Chair of Hospital Board.**



Your Wandering Divan for 2017



Ptarmigan

Lake Melville



Long Range

Lewisporte
Gander

Clareville
Trinity/Conception
St. John's
Compass

Burin

New Membership Referral Program Introduced

Shriners International has introduced the I AM RU program, a membership recruitment program with a new focus, new tools and detailed plans which is meant to bring in 12,000 new creations by the 2018 Imperial Session. The overall success of this program depends on the commitment of individual Shriners to "Share Your Shrine" with friends, and on temples to meet/exceed their best number of creations in the last five years – if every noble and every temple does these things, we will be very close to achieving that goal of 12,000 new members. The new program will capitalize on the increasing awareness of Shriners International, and on new technology in WebFez that provides improved information regarding the progress and status of new member prospects, so that we can offer timely help and encouragement as they work through the process.

Using Technology for Membership Recruitment

The I AM RU program is a new approach to membership development that incorporates a referral program linked to WebFez that allows current nobles to directly refer names of friends, family members and acquaintances they feel would make good Shriners. The prospective member is linked with his referring noble, promoting natural mentorship based on an existing friendship or acquaintance. The new process can be tracked and reported, and each referral triggers automatic communications to the referring noble and the prospect. Once a noble makes a referral, he receives tools and resources to mentor his prospect and hopefully lead him to creation. The program encourages constant collaboration, so that every noble can share their fraternity with the good men around them.

Attracting Interest through Well-planned Social Events

An important element of the new program is that it encourages temples to host fellowship parties and rush events to promote interest and attract membership prospects, and provides guidance that helps ensure success. For example, fellowship parties should be in a relaxed environment and have an open table/social concept, with no formalized membership presentation. These events should be open to prospective members, without pressure for membership recruitment or restoration; and membership literature should be available upon request.



Rush events have an open house, social and educational aspects, and are open to prospective members and their families. A multi-faceted presentation providing information on Shriners International, including temple clubs and units, as well as information on Masonry and affiliated organizations, is encouraged at these events. Membership literature should also be provided to all attendees.

Our goal for each Imperial Year is less suspensions, less demits and more affiliations. The leadership of Shriners International has added the ambitious goal of 12,000 new creations from Session to Session. This goal is attainable if temples focus on matching and surpassing their own best number of creations in the last five years.

There are many resources available to help us reach our membership goals. Using the new WebFez referral system is the perfect place to start, and beashrinernow.com is still a great resource. There are also several helpful tools on Shriners Village, including the Membership Toolkit, Roadmap to Membership Success, and Marketing Materials Ordering System. We encourage temples and nobles to work with their Regional Membership Director and the Office of Membership Development, and to send your temple membership team to the annual Membership Seminar for invaluable tips and information.

To learn more about the I AM RU program, please watch the video featuring Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske at <http://bit.ly/BergenskeMembership>.



Shriners International

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Summer Ceremonial and Stated Meeting Mazol Centre, July 28th to 30th, St. John's



On the July 28-30th weekend we held our Summer ceremonial and stated meeting which we combined with the NSA temples visitation to Mazol. This time the weather cooperated, and we were pleased to receive representatives from Philae, Luxor, Karnak and Kora temples.

We also created three new nobles; Brothers Garry Burgess, Peter Young and Andrew Furneaux were initiated and welcomed into Mazol Shriners.

Patient Keaton Lynch's mom, Tara Lynch spoke at our Saturday evening Banquet and relayed Keaton's journey to date as a Shrine patient. His story is featured in this issue. Keaton is making great progress and is responding well to the treatment he's receiving from our Montreal Hospital. He has an affectionate personality and stole the show and hearts of the audience at our Banquet. He is an excellent example of why we do what we do in support of our Philanthropy. We wish Keaton continued progress and the very best wishes from all Mazol Nobles and Ladies to Keaton and his family for the future.

Lady Helen's luncheon on Saturday Morning was a great success and was attended by over 60 ladies.

July 29, 2017 Potentate Remarks to Mazol Summer Ceremonial Banquet. Holiday Inn, St. John's

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

Will, here we are about half way through the year and at this point at least, still standing. The fact is we are more than still standing, thanks to all of you we have made considerable progress towards the goals we established last fall when we were preparing for our installation in January.

Unlike January of course we have much better weather today and we have several of our friends and counterparts here from our Northeast Temples. When you start out on the Divan path to becoming Potentate you meet the people, your counterparts, from our neighbouring temples who are on the same journey. That was also the case for myself and Lady Helen. We are very fortunate to have some of them with us for this weekend. We have, Potentate JB and Lady Hasmic from Karnak, Potentate Blane and Lady Mary from Luxor and Potentate Mike and PP and Treasurer Doug from Philae, and of course Potentate John and Lady Phyllis from Kora. We truly appreciate them taking the time to visit with us, and for participating in the events of this weekend. Thank you all for coming.

I would like to congratulate our former Editor of the Mirror, Noble Allan Neil for his work on the Mirror last year. For the 2nd time now the Mazol Mirror under Noble Allan's leadership and direction, has won the Dromedary

award, which is the highest award Shrine International gives out for a printed publication. Noble Allan is our Chief Aid this year and we are so lucky to have him. Thank you, Noble Allan.

Mazol Shriners have also been honored by being selected as a 2017 Volunteer Hall of Fame inductee to the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Hall of Fame. In November, Lady Helen and I will attend an induction ceremony and awards gala at Glendenning Golf Course, to receive the award on your behalf. So again, thank you to all the Nobility and Ladies for all that you do to earn this recognition.

We have a very good and well managed patient care system. Our patient Keaton Lynch's story, as delivered tonight by his mother Tara, attested to that fact. Thank you, Tara, for those remarks. Keaton, you are one brave and determined boy, and an inspiration to us all.

Communications, both internal and external, is still something that we must continue to improve. We are making great strides with our new Wandering Divan newsletter that we introduced this year, thanks to the efforts of Nobles Keith Boone and Paul Reid, and all the contributors.

Noble Brandon Pike is grinding away at membership and having some success. To date this year, we have "almost" 9 new members. I say almost because we thought we had 5 for today, however work commitments conspired against us, at the last moment, for two of today's candidates; and Ill. Sir Bill won't let us count them until they actually cross the finish line.

I want to finish, as I did in January, 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, 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**".

Yes, we do still have some serious challenges that we must respond to, however, I feel that with the right attitude, and by all of us pulling on the oars together, we can not only get it done, but we can make Mazol Temple into a shining example of what our shrine fraternity is all about.

Thank you,

Ill. Sir Rolly Card
Potentate, 2017
Mazol Shriners





LTOR: Visiting potentates, Kora Shriners, III. Sir John Gailey, Karnak Shriners, III. Sir JB Djigounian, Mazol Shriners, III. Sir Rolly Card, Philae Shriners, III. Sir Mike Schmidt, Philae Shriners, III. Sir Doug Morton PP and Treasurer, and Luxor Shriners, III. Sir Blaine Brooks.



LTOR: Kora Shriners, III. Sir John Gailey, Luxor Shriners, III. Sir Blaine Brooks Karnak Shriners, III. Sir JB Djigounian & Noble Ralph Miller.



LTOR: Noble Max Downey, Noble Paul Baker and III. Sir Bert Avery.



A "Screech In" for our guests.



LTOR: Nobles, Owen Devereaux, David Mercer & Charles Parsons.



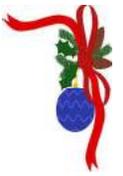
LTOR: Mazol Oriental Band; Nobles Ted Mercer, Walt Bennett, Syd Dyke, Arch Kennedy, Terry Philpott, David Carmichael, Don Randell, Bob Billiard, David Bartlett & David Snow



LTOR: Acting Ceremonial Divan; III. Sir John Brake, Noble Don Butt, Nobel Jim Boroughs, Noble Bill Radford, Noble Ray Rideout, III. Sir Doug Beattie & III. Sir Sheridan Yetman.



Presentation by Tara Lynch, Mother of Patient Keaton Lynch at the Summer Ceremonial Dinner



Good evening ladies and gentleman. It is an absolute pleasure to be here this evening with my husband, Mike, and our youngest son, Keaton. We are here tonight to share with you the journey that our family has been on since Keaton's birth, and to impart to you just what a profound impact Shriners has had on that journey.

Keaton was born on January 28th, 2014, 6 weeks premature. When he was discharged from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit we had no inkling of what path our lives were soon to take, or of how very much we would need the assistance of others to help us on that path. I am a Guidance Counsellor in a Kindergarten to Grade Six school and have worked with children with special needs for 14 years. Very early on in Keaton's life, I knew that he was having to work harder to reach the same goals that his big brothers had reached with ease. However, it took months to be heard and many insistent hours to get him seen by those who needed to see him.

Our baby boy was officially diagnosed with Spastic Diplegic Cerebral Palsy in April of 2014. He was 14 months old. In the first 15 minutes of that 6-hour appointment, a medical professional asked if we had stairs in our home. When I replied that we did, she suggested we put it on the market because "he was never going to walk". I will never, ever forget that moment. I came home to share the news with my husband, other family members, and friends. When my father was told what that professional had said his response was very definite... "How could she know that at his age? I do not accept that. I will not accept that. That little boy will walk in to Kindergarten!"

So we began the journey.... as a family. Keaton's interdisciplinary team soon included a Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech-Language Pathologist, Pediatrician, Orthopedic Surgeon, ENT, Ophthalmologist, and Neurologist. His physiotherapist, Renee, began working with him the following week and within a few weeks he was crawling, holding up his own head, and learning to sit on a bench. We were ecstatic! Now we had a professional telling us all of the things he could do as opposed to all of the things he could not. She suggested that we contact Shriners right away as she felt strongly that Keaton would be a good candidate



Tara Lynch with Keaton and Lady Helen

for Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy surgery. We began researching the procedure and decided that it was most definitely an avenue we wanted to pursue. So we made the call and held our breath.

A few days later, a Shriner, Dave Cooper, came to our home. He was organized, friendly, well-informed, and most of all- positive. He took the necessary information and assured us we would hear from them soon. We were

soon contacted with a date to fly to Montreal for a Cerebral Palsy Clinic. We were shocked at how seamless the process had been! We literally did not even have to leave our home. For a family that had spent months going back and forth to appointments that was an amazing and very welcome change.

Keaton and I made that initial trip to Shriners and then traveled again for the Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy Clinic in July of 2016. It was at this time that he was seen by the Shriners team and Dr. Jean-Pierre Farmer, Neurosurgeon, and he was approved to have the Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy done. I was so relieved he was a candidate but so scared of what was to come. Agreeing to this procedure meant agreeing to have our child undergo an “elective” surgery; one that some may not consider necessary in the truest sense. The purpose of this surgery is to increase the child's mobility. It is done during a 7-hour procedure by separating the spine, stimulating the nerves in the back, and permanently severing those nerves that are causing the most spasticity. It also meant agreeing to leaving home for 7 weeks consecutive.

We placed our full trust in his Physiotherapist at the Jane-way Children's Hospital and in the Shriners team and Keaton was placed on the waitlist. Once again, we held our breath and we waited.

As the months passed different questions came to me and on a number of occasions I e-mailed Shriners staff in Montreal. They replied and answered any questions I had posed. One of the nurses called me several times to discuss timelines and to make sure everything was in place. What I was beginning to understand was that this professionalism and competence were part of the “Shriners experience”. Details are not overlooked and patients are at the center of every decision that is made.

The call came in early April of this year. I had 6 days to clue up at work, to pack, and to prepare for a 7-week, out-of-province medical stay for Keaton and myself. As a parent, that phone call puts you in a sort of auto-pilot. We tried to prepare our older sons, ages 5 and 7 for what was to come, and we tried to wrap our heads around the fact that the family would be apart for almost 2 months. While we did that, Shriners did everything else. Flights and rooms were booked, rides were arranged to and from the airport, hotel, and hospital, appointments were scheduled, and medical teams prepared. After 3 days of pre-op appointments surgery day arrived. This time, I took the very deepest breath I could and left our 3-year-old son

in the arms of strangers to have, what we all hoped, would be life changing surgery.

Keaton's surgery was on a Thursday at Montreal Children's Hospital and he was transferred from there to the Shriners Hospital on Monday. Almost immediately, we felt a calmness. His nurse introduced herself, gave him a new cuddly fleece blanket, and visited him throughout the day. Keaton was excited about his new hospital room but kept asking what the weather was like as there were no windows to the outside. She overheard his questioning and moved him the very next day into a room filled with windows so that he could see for himself. We began to meet with the team members that would be assigned to Keaton for the next 6 weeks and every one of them was child-oriented, positive and prepared.

Keaton's days during those six weeks consisted of two hours of physiotherapy, one hour of occupational therapy, and one hour in the playroom. He had to relearn how to perform all of the motor skills he could do prior to surgery with the aim of having him back to his pre-op skill set by the time he was scheduled to leave Montreal. Afternoon physio was a swimming session 3 of the 5 days a week. These sessions were his absolute favourite! By week three he was using a walker and by the end of that week, his quad canes that he used prior to surgery. Shortly before he left he began using single point canes- a goal that he and his therapist at home worked on vehemently, but were unable to attain with independence due to his spasticity. Then, in week 5, his physiotherapist told me he had walked four steps on his own. On his own! I could never explain to you the feeling we had that day. Keaton kept saying “Mommy, I walked all by myself! Are you so impressed?” The phone calls home brought many tears and joy that I cannot fully explain. Suddenly, our little boy was beginning to stand unassisted, toilet-train, take steps independently, and ride an adaptive bike on his own! Every day my father's words came back to me. He had known all along what so many had not.

It is not any one thing that makes Shriners what it is. It is a multitude of factors that work together to create something wonderful. The staff are so incredibly invested in the children. Every single person- from the custodians to the social workers, knew Keaton's name and celebrated his successes. The facility itself is amazing. It is modern, beautiful, and impeccably cared for.

Perhaps the best way to capture the magic of Shriners is by giving you a few specific examples from our time in Montreal. Fairly frequently, special guests visit the children in the hospital. The Star Wars characters visited during our stay. Keaton was scared of the costumes so they had someone visit his room to give him gifts from the characters to help ease his fear and to ensure he felt included.

The playroom at Shriners is run by a warm, energetic, exuberant staff member named Angi. Every Friday afternoon Angi had a movie and popcorn for the children on the unit. This happened during Keaton's nap time so every Friday Angi ensured that Keaton got his popcorn. He came to know Fridays as the day he got "popcorn in a bag".

Another inpatient celebrated her 4th birthday while she was there so the staff had a surprise birthday party for her, sang happy birthdays in 3 different languages and invited all of the children on the unit.

Nurses' week was recognized during our stay and the nurses were invited to have their hair, nails and make-up done. So were the mothers of the children at Shriners.

While we were there, Keaton was fascinated with the large floor cleaner that was used to clean the unit. Realizing this, the custodian stopped the cleaner and posed for a picture with Keaton.

On the day that Keaton took those amazing first steps I could not help but brag to the staff about his huge accomplishment. Three of the nurses, Lucy, Jasmine and Cheryl, went on a hunt around the hospital to snag a pink stuffed hippo for Keaton as a reward because he had seen other children with that toy and they knew he really liked it.

Another of his nurses, Shauma, let him play with the thermometer every shift she worked with him because she knew this made him happy.

When Keaton was getting ready to be discharged staff members visited to give him gifts, high fives, hugs, and best wishes. He was very loved and they made sure he felt that.

A number of you here tonight actually visited with Keaton and I while we were at the Shriners Hospital. Roger Tinkham visited on a number of occasions, always checking in when he was in Montreal to see how we were doing

and if we needed anything. He actually brought Keaton a stuffed dog which now sits on his bed at home and goes by the name of Roger.

Every single person whom I have had the pleasure of meeting who is involved with Shriners feels deeply and strongly about the cause. And that is, of course, how it should be, how it must be, when you are part of life-changing experiences like ours. I have no doubt that Keaton will walk in to Kindergarten, as his grandfather so wisely predicted, and I know that each and every one of you here this evening had a part in making that happen.

Never, ever, underestimate the impact you have on children's lives. During our time in Montreal, we met children from Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Ontario, Montreal, Puerto Rico and Africa. Each and every one of these families has a story as well. And all of those stories are enriched because of you. That is profound. We feel very blessed that Keaton is a "Shriners child" and we are sure to share his experience with other families with the hope that another little child's future will be forever changed and enriched by your amazing work. Thank you does not seem enough. You have helped to give our child skills that will allow him to grow into an independent adult. There is no price that can be placed on that. Thank you from Mike and I, from our older sons, Kane and Cohen, from our extended family, and most of all, from Keaton.





**NSA Fall Field Days
Ottawa
Aug 17th to 20th**



There was a good turnout for the NSA Fall Field Days in Ottawa this year. Many of the Divan members attended and Bro. Evan Bursey became Noble Evan Bursey of the St. John's Shrine Club. Congratulations and welcome to Noble Evan Bursey.



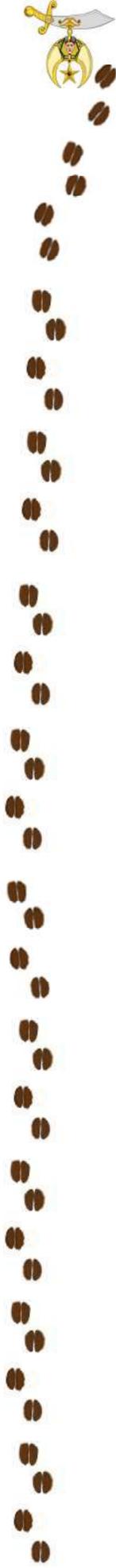
LTOR: Noble's Evan Bursey, Paul Rose, Ill. Sir Bill Smith, Bill Redford, David Pike, Ill. Sir Elmer Ryzuk, Ill. Sir Doug Beatie, Noble Robert Barrett, Ill. Sir Rolly Card, Noble Andy Garland and Noble Brandon Pike.





Potentate Upgrades to an Arabian Horse

While travelling through the desert of Newfoundland and Labrador to get to a Shriners event, the Mazol Divan caravan came across a herd of wild Arabian horses. To the surprise of the Divan, III. Sir Rolly Card lassoed one, rode it hard till our Potentate was in control, befitting for his position. Needless to say, there may have been some jealousy among some Divan members as he galloped ahead leaving the rest of the caravan in his dust. Alas, the privileges of a potentate who knows how and when to horse around.





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Trinity/ Conception Visitation November 24th



On November 24th, Ill. Sir Rolly Card and members of the Divan visited the Trinity/Conception Shine Club.





Gander Shrine Club Initiation December 13th



Oriental Guide, Noble Brian Peckford and myself were in Gander on Dec 13th at the request of Gander Shrine Club President Noble Doug Ash, to help initiate candidate Scott Granville into Mazol Shriners. Scott is the son of long time Shriner Noble Jack Granville. There was a good turnout of nobles to help with the initiation and welcome Noble Scott into our fraternity. Welcome Noble Scott.

III. Sir Rolly Card



Noble Jack Fezzing his son Scott.

LTOR Front Row: Noble Gerald Windsor, Oriental Guide Noble Brian Peckford, Noble Jack Granville, New Noble Scott Granville, Potentate III. Sir Rolly Card, Noble President Doug Ash and Noble Garry Dalley.



Noble Jack and son Noble Scott following the initiation.





Mazol Shriners Oriental Band at The Annual St. John's Christmas Parade



LTOR: Nobles, Lloyd Garf, Syd Dyke, Ill. Sir John Hiscock, Jerry Young, Terry Philpott, David Carmichael, Doug French, Paul Rose & David Snow.



The Mazol Oriental Band are a hardy group of Shriners that put on their long john's and climb up onto their band trailer and bring joy to the faces of Christmas Parade patrons and the smiling faces of the children. The Christmas Parade would not be the same if the Shriners were not there. This year the parade was delayed a week and because the Mazol Centre was fully booked on that day, the band did not get their refreshments and Pea Soup after the parade like they normally would. We will have to have Plan B for next year just in case.



Annual Children's Christmas Party



The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the Mazol Centre on December 17. Present and former patients gather every year with their parents and Shriner friends, to enjoy hotdogs and treats, and they are visited by Santa Claus who distributes gifts to the children. Music was provided by Noble Tom Power and a young friend playing accordion. There is a wonderful atmosphere throughout the Centre because we get to see directly the results of the good works of Shriners in the smiling faces of the children and their parents. The pictures alone tell their stories.







MAZOL SHRINERS ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND STATED MEETING JANUARY 19 - 20, 2018

Schedule of Events

Friday, January 19th, 2018

- 2:00 pm Meeting of Clubs and Reports
Mazol Shrine Centre
(Shrine Casual)
- 8:00 pm Chief Rabban Night Meet and Greet
Mazol Shrine Centre
(Club Dress and Fez)

Saturday, January 20th, 2018

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| 9:00 am | Annual Stated Meeting
Holiday Inn*
(Club Dress and Fez)
(2018 Dues Card Required) | 3:30 pm | Installation of Mazol Shrine Temple
Divan and Officers
Holiday Inn (<i>Open to the Public</i>)
(<i>Formal Dress and Fez</i>) |
| 11:00 am | Ladies Brunch** (\$35.00)
Holiday Inn
(Wear your Hats and Fascinators) 😊 | 7:00 pm | Banquet and Dance (\$115.00 dbl)
Holiday Inn*
(<i>Formal Dress and Fez</i>) |
| | | 11:30 pm | Potentate's Hospitality Suite
Holiday Inn (Room #416) |

*A block of Standard Rooms is available at the Holiday Inn with king size or two double beds at a cost of \$127.00 (plus tax) per night, and Executive Rooms at a cost of \$147.00 (plus tax) per night. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 709-722-0506. In order to obtain the special rate, please advise that you are part of the "Mazol Shriners" group.

** For tickets to the Ladies Brunch and the Banquet, please contact Cecelia at the Shrine Office by calling 364-1591; or by email at shrine@nf.aibn.com. (*When you purchase your tickets, you will also receive a 10% discount coupon for East Side Mario's Restaurant located in the Holiday Inn*)



**Mazol Shriners of Newfoundland and Labrador
Installation of Officers for 2018
January 19-20th, 2018**

Hello Ladies;

I am excited to announce that my **Ladies Brunch** will be **on Saturday, January 20th at the Holiday Inn, St. John's at 11:00 am.**

I hope to see you there and I encourage everyone to wear your hats or fascinators. As part of the program, Ladies who exhibit their extraordinary head attire will have their names placed in the "hat" for a special prize ! 😊

If you have not yet purchased your ticket, please call Cecelia at the Mazol Office at **364-1591.**

Please also join us at the Installation of the Divan and Officers in main ballroom at 3:30 pm and the Banquet and Dance which will follow at 6:30 for 7:00 pm.

See you there.

Lady Sharon Rose



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Chief Rabban's Report

The past year has gone by so quickly its hard to believe that it'll soon be January and Installation time. 2017 has been a most enjoyable year for Lady Sharon and me. Having the opportunity to join the Potentate and his Lady on their visitations enabled us to continue to enjoy the company of many old and new friends both near and afar. We truly appreciate the hospitality extended by all the Clubs and Temples; and the opportunity to visit their respective regions.

Never having visited the Labrador Clubs, it was both enjoyable and a real eye opener to spend time with the Nobles of Ptarmigan and Lake Melville in April. To learn first hand of their tremendous efforts to promote our philanthropy by so few Nobles is indeed an inspiration. Thank you, Club Ptarmigan, and Club Lake Melville!

In May we enjoyed the weekend visits to Clarendville and the Boot as we always have. This was followed in June by our wonderful visits with the Nobles from Gander and Lewisporte, as usual!

In July we were honoured to accompany Ill. Sir Rolly and Lady Helen to the Imperial Sessions. It was our first Imperial and an event which saw Shriners and their Ladies attend from around the world. It was fascinating to learn of the growth of the Shrine in Asia and South America, and to gain a greater appreciation of just how significant an organization we are all part of. I am very proud to be part of this phenomenal organization!

In August it was NSA time in Ottawa. And what a great time it was! This year's Northeast saw 500+ Nobles and Ladies from Canada and the U.S. come together for several days of fun and constructive meetings, highlighted by an elaborate Parade through Downtown Ottawa. Mazol was well represented with 25 Nobles and Ladies in attendance.

Over the Labor Day weekend, we had our annual visit to the R.V. Park in Eastport. The weekend provides an opportunity to reacquaint with residents of the Park and to enjoy their musical talents and great hospitality. Again, this year we were impressed with the fantastic Silent Auction and Concert held at the Community Centre. So well done. Thank you! The Park is a credit to Mazol, and I would like to say thank you to the Nobles who have worked tirelessly to make it the success it is today.

The Fall month's saw our visit and scenic drive to Corner Brook, the Long Range Club. Highlighting the West Coast Visit was the proclamation signing by the mayor of Corner Brook and the raising of the Shriner's Flag at City Hall. We want to thank Mayor Jim Parsons for continuing our tradition and recognizing Mazol Shriners. We then had the pleasure (and good weather) to visit the Trinity Conception Club in Carbonear. Thank you Nobles and Ladies for the great turkey dinner!! Then it was off to the St. John's visitation (all of 4 minutes away 😊) It was a great visit with Nobles and their Ladies, and We want to especially thank the Ladies of the Sabre for joining their Nobles in Hosting a lovely evening!

Maintaining a strong relationship with the Clubs and within the Northeast Shrine Association is a priority for the Divan. This year, we were pleased to join the Nobles from Karnak

in Montreal for their Potentate's weekend. This was followed by the annual Trifecta where we had the opportunity to reconnect with our counterparts from Anah, Bectash and Kora. Lady Sharon and I so enjoy visiting with our counterparts and we feel it is important to keep good relations amongst all our clubs and temples.

In 2017 Mazol continued to actively promote its holding the 2019 NSA in Corner Brook. Work is ongoing on this event and its success will require a significant effort by all. A major fundraiser has been underway throughout the year and I cannot stress enough the need for all Nobles and their Ladies to promote our ticket selling activities.

The Fezeroo this year was unfortunately far from the successful event it has been in previous years. Sales on the Avalon Peninsula were severely impacted by Chase the Ace, and our efforts in some other key regions were likewise hampered by the slow economy and problems with local sellers. The shortfall in revenues from this project will impact our budgeting going forward, and also lead to a rethink of how we will run this and other fundraising activities in 2018 and beyond.

In late November, at the request of the Clubs, the Divan convened a meeting in Gander to address key concerns, issues and a way forward for Mazol. This meeting was well attended and enabled the Clubs to present their respective views and engage in some lively discussion. Arising out of this event was the recommendation that Mazol continue this style of meeting, as it went a long way in bringing clarity to a number of issues, and also made many of us realize the importance of effective, ongoing communication. I look forward to continuing these meetings in 2018.

In closing Lady Sharon and I wish to extend to all our Nobles, Ladies and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. We hope you will join us on January 19th & 20th for the Annual Installation Weekend at the Holiday Inn in St. John's.

Our sincerest best wishes

Noble Paul and Lady Sharon Rose 🙏



Noble Paul Rose



Treasurers Report

Nobles,

I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date with our preliminary financial results for our 2017 fiscal year.

The Patient Transportation Fund had revenues of \$278,000 and incurred expenses of \$220,000 for a surplus of \$58,000. The revenues and expenses include the value of our West Jet passes which amounted to \$58,000. This compares to 2017 annual budget revenues of \$278,000 and 2017 budgeted expenses of \$294,000 for a budgeted deficit of \$16,000. At our stated meetings, we approved donations to our Hospital of \$24,000. This gives us a surplus for the current year of \$34,000.

The Temple had a difficult year with our Fezeroo making a profit of only \$5,000 which was \$61,000 below budgeted amount. I am pleased to report that the Clubs were able to increase their Fraternal donations to \$103,000 which combined with some cost savings will see us coming close to our budgeted loss of \$8,000. Our expenses were within budget except for insurance which saw an \$2,200 increase.

The loans to the RV Park and the Mazol Shrine Centre have been repaid in full.

It would be appreciated if all Clubs and Units could ensure that their financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2017 are sent to the office by February 15, 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cecilia Paddon for her assistance during the year and her diligent work on our behalf.

Lady Vyvyenne and I wish you and your families a Happy New Year,

Fraternally,
Noble Michael Bruce
Treasurer



Noble Michael Bruce



Recorder's Report

Christmas wishes from the Recorder's desk. I have done my best this past year to support the Potentate and ensure what we do is correct. I don't feel we can stray too far from the written laws we have from Imperial. The internal bickering is destroying the organization and if we continue on this route, soon there will be nothing left. We will soon be into the New Year with the Shrine Annual Meeting and election of a new executive. Let's hope the future sheds a brighter light on a go forward basis.

Warm Christmas greetings from Lady Betty and I to each and every one of you.

William W. (Bill) Smith
Recorder



III. Sir William Smith





Christmas Thoughts

Christmas is a Christian Festival. The way society has been handling it, there are many lessons that right seeking people can learn, regardless of their faith.

Peace on earth, goodwill toward others, the season declares. As we look back on our most cherished memories of Christmas, they have not been of some material gifts received, but rather our association with others. Lasting memories were produced by simple deeds done, that will endure a lifetime in the fellowship shared.

Goodwill, generosity, consideration and thoughtfulness, are more evident at this time of year than at other times. A small amount of goodwill shown can be contagious to inspire others to do similar worthwhile things, or something entirely different from someone else.

May we be grateful for this season of the year and may it send us into 2018 motivated to be the best that we can be.

Yours in the faith,
Noble Rev. Ralph Moores,
Mazol Chaplain





Shriners Creed

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.



The following article appeared in The District Link in 2017, a publication of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador to try and attract new Shriners from Scottish lodges in the province. It was written by Noble Keith Boone with input from Noble Brandon Pike.



Are You a Shriner?



I once overheard a much-respected member of our District Grand Lodge, and a Past Potentate, say that he didn't understand why all Masons were not Shriners. I have only been a Shriner for about 1 ½ years, having joined the St. John's Shrine Club in October of 2015, and after having been a Mason for about 24 years. In this brief 1 ½ years, I have come to understand those heartfelt sentiments, and I am now of the same opinion.

To be a Shriner is to be part of the greatest philanthropy in the world. Shriners Hospitals for Children was founded in 1922 by 2 Masons in the United States of America, with the goal of providing expert medical care for children with no financial burden to the patients or their families and having fun doing it. Today that philanthropic effort supports the health care system's 22 facilities across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, treating children up to 18 years of age who

have orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate, and more. This advanced care is provided in a family-centered environment that is focused on maximizing a child's quality of life, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

In their own words, "Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships that can last a lifetime." These words sound familiar don't they, and why shouldn't this be, Shriners and Masons are one and the same.



LTR: Paul Rose, Helen Card, Shanea Halleran with Mom Janelle, Rolly Card & Robert Barrett at June Shriners Gander Patient Outreach Clinic.

There are 10 Shrine Clubs situated around our province and they all come under the Mazol Temple located here in St. John's at the Mazol Shrine Centre on Topsail Road, which I am sure many of you have seen as you drove by it. The Mazol Temple, the governance body for Shrine Clubs in this province, is run by the Potentate and the Divan of 7 Shriners who are committed to a 5-year term of office, the same as our own District Grand Master. Like our DGM, it is a tremendous personal commitment where the wives are just as involved and committed as their husbands.

Our present Potentate is Illustrious Sir Rolly Card a member of Lodge Tasker. He has two primary objectives for his year as Potentate; bring all the Shine Clubs and their membership closer together and increase membership. As you know membership is a big concern of our District Grand Lodge and Lodges, and likewise with the Mazol Temple and the Shrine Clubs. The big difference in this regard is that, whereas Freemasonry can seek members from outside of Freemasonry, Shriners can only obtain new members from within Freemasonry

in this province. You have to be a Mason before you can become a Shriner. The various Shrine Clubs around the province are in great need of new members. Without new members on a regular basis, Shrine Clubs will cease to exist and eventually the great works of the Shriners could disappear in this province, not tomorrow, but within 10 years this is possible. The total membership in both constitutions of Freemasonry in this province is about 2700 members. The total membership of the Shrine clubs right now is 463 or about 17 % of the total body of Freemasonry. The Total Shrine membership of 463 members is down 43 members or 8.5% from the previous year. At this rate, it is the primary objective

of The Divan to stop this trend and reverse it. If every Mason was a Shriner, imagine what that would do for the philanthropy?

Imagine, if within 10 years, the Shriners presence disappeared in our province. Local Shriners work tirelessly to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars every year in this province to support the children of this province. They have raised millions since the first shrine club was formed in this province. Shriners/Masons and their wives have made this happen. It is the greatest Masonic Charity we have and we can all be very proud of those Masons who have become Shriners and do this work unselfishly. They do it in an environment of fun and are rewarded with the smiles and love for the children they help every single day.

If you become a Shriner I promise that you will be filled with the same desire to help the children. You will find a great body of Masons dedicated to the cause and building long lasting friendships with you. Your wives and children will be proud of what you do for the children.



**Katherine Antle with Mom Jennifer(L)
and Lady Helen Card (R)**

They will be behind you all the way. They will smile at your Fez, and if you should help with the raising of funds, you will meet the general public who will reflect back to you how much they appreciate the good works you do as a Shriner. Your heart will be lassoed like mine. Please give serious consideration to becoming a Shiner by joining a Shrine Club in your area. You will be glad you did and your Masonic journey will be greatly enriched.

If you would like more information about Membership please contact Bro. Brandon Pike, Chairman of Membership for the Mazol Temple and RWM of Lodge St. Andrew, at brandondpike@hotmail.com. He is a young mason determined to get new members and keep our Shrine Clubs healthy. Brandon is guided by the Divan and Illustrious Sir Rolly Card. Please also visit the Mazol web site at www.mazolshriners.com where you can learn more about Shriners in this province and what they are doing. Especially look at the local magazine, "The Mirror", and the newsletters called "The Wandering Divan", where you can read many stories of what Shriners are doing in this province for the children.

May we hear from you soon. A wonderful experience awaits you.

Noble Keith Boone



Bro. Brandon Pike, Chair of Membership.



Fezeroo Draw September 30th



The drawing for the Fezeroo took place on September 30th at the Avalon Mall, St. John's. The winners are as follows:

Grand Prize-Dennis Brown #30634
2nd-Sean Pittman #44015
3rd- Clyde Bonnell #7981





From the Desk of the Editor



Happy New Year Fellow Nobles. This past year for me personally, as Editor of this Newsletter, has been one of learning so much about what it means to be a Shriner, about the various Shrine Clubs around the province and the things you do to help our children.

I started out the year as a member of the Mazol Public Relations Committee, with Noble Paul Reed as the new Chairman of our committee. I also accepted the position of Asst. Editor of the Mirror, with Noble Paul as Editor. Ill. Sir Rolly Card told Noble Paul that he would like to have a Newsletter to better communicate with all the Clubs and Nobles in the province. Noble Paul spoke to me about it and I said I had some experience with putting together a Newsletter and I was willing to give it a try. With Noble Paul's direction, Ill. Sir Rolly Cards desire to feed me with lots of articles, and my own creative juices, "The Wandering Divan" Newsletter was born. I adopted an Arabic theme for the Newsletter, with a Divan that travels throughout the province on Camels in a caravan. My hopes were that this would add some laughter to the issues and reinforce every Shriners objective to raise funds to help our patients but to do it in a fun-loving manner. I hope you have enjoyed the Newsletters.

I want to thank Ill. Sir Rolly Card, Noble Paul Reed and everyone who provided me with articles for the Newsletters. Without your input there would be no Newsletters. I am very proud to belong to such a group of men and their wives, who with great determination, work hard every day for the children. You are an inspiration for me.

I am a member of the St. John's Shrine Club and this past year under the direction of our guiding light, President, Ill. Sir Bert Avery, I have sold tickets at various venues around town, created posters to advertise events and cooked some meals to help the club and our Ladies of the Sabre. I shared the ticket experience with my good friend Noble George Fiander. It was a wonderful experience. It was amazing how many people had to stop at our display and buy a ticket because it was for the Shriner's and our cause. Many told us stories of why they thought so highly of the Shriners. I was also amazed at how many people Noble George knew. To sell tickets is not a burden when you are appreciated by strangers. Working with my local club also brought me closer to its members like Noble Walt Bennett, with whom I have worked in the kitchen and also admired for his hard work and dedication to the Shriners organization and always with a wonderful sense of humour. There are many more like Noble Walt that make being a Shriner such a pleasure.

We all know that as an organization, we have a serious membership problem, as has amply being pointed out by our Potentate. If we are to attract new members we have to be seen as Nobles and Masons who do good works in an environment of good will and affection for each other. We have to follow our Masonic teachings of always working together in Peace and Harmony. This is the objective we have to strive for, letting the greater good for everyone, be the guiding light for our actions. By doing so we will attract those Masons from our Blue Lodges that we need to strengthen our numbers and ensure that the Shriners, us, continue to help the children of this province with the specialized medical care that only Shriners International Hospitals can provide.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Noble Keith Boone
Editor



Noble Paul Reid



Noble Keith Boone



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