



THE MAZOL CONNECTION

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Under the leadership of Ill. Sir Paul Rose, we have launched our newest communication tool, entitled <u>The Mazol Connection</u>. This quarterly newsletter will contain articles about our Shrine family, heartwarming stories from our patients, news from our hospitals, and of course news and stories from our Clubs. In this regard, we are pleased to advise that your PR Committee is constantly developing new articles and we want to hear from you.

Let us share your news to the Nobility at large! Contact our news coordinator at <u>mazolnewscoordinator@nf.aibn.com</u> if you have a news story, announcement, fundraiser activity, or anything else.

Introducing your Public Relations Committee for 2018

Ill. Sir Lorne Warren - Committee Chair Noble Dave Reeves Noble Tom Power Noble Keith Boone Lady Sharon Rose Mr. Josh Bourden

... And we are here to spread the good news

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Potentate's Address A word from Ill. Sir Paul Rose

It's hard to believe that it's been almost six months since my Installation in January. To say it's been a challenge would be an understatement, as we see Mazol continue to deal with issues affecting the very foundation on which we have built our philanthropy. We are all aware of the ongoing disruptive issues that continue to plague Mazol. It's hard to believe that, we as a Temple, stand out on the national stage and are highly regarded for our fundraising generosity and engagement with our Hospitals. However, on the ground we are bent on perpetuating issues that lean more towards the negative than the overall positive good.



The success of our organization depends on a stable management team, in tune with the ongoing issues and concerns of the Nobility. This team, which is your Divan, is dedicated to the effective management of Mazol. We are elected to run the affairs of the Temple, and devote many hours in pursuit of this objective. Annually we welcome a new member to our Divan, and to the five year journey to the Potentate's Chair. That Noble is our Oriental Guide. He does not have to be a seasoned veteran of the Shrine and Free Masonry. I recall being with 175 new Oriental Guides at the OG Seminar in Tampa and meeting a counterpart from Toronto who'd been a Shriner for 30 years before getting on the line. Needless to say I had only been a Shriner for two years at the time and felt like a rookie in his presence. However it's not how long you've been a Shriner but whether you are committed to becoming more active and have the support of your Lady in this major step forward.

In looking at our present Divan, we are all so fortunate to have a group of strong, supportive Ladies, with us every step of the way. But just what does "the way" really mean? It means active participation in monthly management meetings; Visitations with other Divan members to our Clubs in Newfoundland and Labrador; participation in educational seminars, attendance at Shrine events outside the Province and above all, an inherent dedication to our children for whom we strive daily to provide world class care through our Hospital Network in North America and Mexico. Of course, along the way you will be asked to be a team player, lead a project as deemed necessary or timely, interact with our Nobles and Ladies in social events, and to provide your insights and advice for the betterment of Mazol.

Your decision to become an Oriental Guide is not to be made without the necessary financial resources being in place to cover travel, accommodations and meals during your first three years on the "line". After that your incurred expenses are covered by the Temple Budget. It will also be necessary to purchase the three required Divan outfits for social occasions and meetings, namely, a Blue dinner jacket, Browns and a White Dinner Jacket. Other than the Blues, for which we have only one supplier, the other items have been sourced by recent OG's outside the Province, ie. while at the OG Seminar in Tampa.

As for expenses, of course your location will impact your respective travel costs. You would need to factor in your gas, hotel rates, meals, etc. For instance, an overnight visit to Gander from St. John's would probably run between \$350 - \$400. A similar visit to Corner Brook would require an additional Hotel night and a higher expenditure for gas. As Oriental Guide, this would be your most expensive trip for the year, coming in at approximately \$750. It must be realized that all visits are optional and Divan members usually make their personal choices in accordance with family commitments and other requirements.

Should you be considering putting your name forward for Oriental Guide, I, or any member of the Divan will be more than happy to share our personal experiences with you and to offer support as needed.

- Ill. Sir Paul Rose



20th Annual Trinity Conception Shriners Gospel Concert

The 20th Annual Trinity Conception Shriners Gospel Concert was held on April 25th at the Sheila NaGeira Theatre in Carbonear. This year the concert attracted an audience of 400 attendees and featured such well known performers as The Mercers, Forward & Lewis, The Morgan Brothers, One Foundation, Justified (Salvation Army Quartet) & Generation Gap.

Trinity Conception Shrine Club President, Laurence Pike, advises that this was one of the most successful concerts to date. Given the strong financial support from concert attendees that evening, the club contributed \$1000 towards the purchase of a special exercise bike for Shriner's patient, Andy Williams.

Ill Sir Paul and Lady Sharon attended the Concert and brought greetings on behalf of Mazol and thanked those attending for their continued support.



Lake Melville Shrine Club Supports Happy Valley-Goose Bay Minor Soccer

The Happy Valley-Goose Bay Minor Soccer program began thanks to Past Potentiate Illustrious Sir Sterling Kelloway, based on recommendations made at an Imperial Session that Shriners become active in supporting minor sports in their community.

At that time Happy Valley-Goose Bay had a soccer league which was struggling to survive. The Lake Melville Shrine Club soon stepped up to help the local youth soccer program. With the lead coming from two former members of the British armed forces, Trevor Payne and John Cameron, the Minor Soccer Program was off and running. It is noteworthy that Mr. Payne was one of the founding members of the Lake Melville Shrine Club, and Mr. Cameron went on to become Potentate of Philae Shriners in Halifax.



In the beginning there were two hundred and fifty children involved. The Lake Melville Club provided \$2,500 dollars for shirts featuring the Shriner's logo and name. The fact that there were children wearing their soccer shirts daily proved to be a great public relations windfall to the local Shrine Club.

The local soccer program has continued to grow over the years. During the Potentate's Visit this year, a \$5000 contribution was made by the Shriners to help in the purchase of new artificial turf for the soccer field. Illustrious Sir Paul Rose along with the Nobles from the Club presented the cheque at a public ceremony which included the Mayor ,Council members and Lake Melville MHA Honorable Perry Trimper Speaker of the House of Assembly for Newfoundland and Labrador.

Since its initial year the Minor Soccer program has increased in numbers to 650 children. Shriners from the Lake Melville Club now provide \$4000 annually to support this great community program. Hundreds of children proudly wear their Shriner's Soccer shirts daily.

The soccer program has raised the skill levels of local children in this sport to the point that they now can compete provincially and have players qualifying for provincial teams.







The Boot donates to fundraiser for Burin Peninsula Health Care

Since the beginning of the Boot Shrine Club we have given donations annually to the Burin Peninsula Health Care foundation and this year is no different. During the Month of May this year the Health Board was having a fundraiser for mental health. The Boot gave \$300.00 to this venture. We give back to the community who supports our weekly bingos.





Gander Patient Outreach Program

Mazol is proud to be able to host an Outreach Clinic in Gander for follow-up with our patients in this Province. For many years we have been very fortunate that our children have been able to avail of the expertise of Dr. Francois Fassier from our Montreal Shriner's Hospital. His dedication has been exemplary.

However, recently we have become alarmed over the declining number of patients being assessed by Dr. Fassier at the James Paton Memorial Hospital. From numbers as high as 35 appointments, to last year's low of 7 patients, we have been watching this trend with concern. Nonetheless, Newfoundland and Labrador is not alone in this regard. Similar experiences are being had in New Brunswick and Manitoba.

In recognition of this fact, the Board of Governors has adopted a new strategy to focus on rebuilding our patient numbers attending Outreach Clinics. This new approach will see some patients who would normally be returning to Montreal for follow-up treatment and assessments, redirected to the outreach clinic in their respective province. Already this has had a positive impact on our June Gander Clinic, and we look forward to this growth continuing in the years ahead.

This year's Clinic saw 13 children come for follow up appointments and there were several Shriners there to greet them.







Villa Nova Junior High Raises Funds with Soda Pull-Tabs

It was Lady Brenda and my pleasure to drop out to the Villa Nova Junior High School in CBS on June 14th at their request to pick up the tabs they had collected over the last year.

In speaking with the Principal and Student Councillor we learned that this has been a regular practice for over 20 years, and began in relation to their knowledge of the Shriners' tie to a burn patient from Bell Island that they were aware of and their wish to continue to assist us in helping children.

We had the great pleasure of meeting one of our current Shrine Kids while we were there and she agreed to pose in the picture with us.

We added a few tabs we had sitting upstairs at the Mazol Shrine Centre and turned them in at Dominion Recycling, it added up to just over 200 pounds and we received \$114.50. And in closing, I know some of you may be wondering, and no it was not the first time I was in the Principal's office.



- Noble Dave Pike, Assistant Rabban



Oriental Band BBQ A good time had by all!

On Tuesday, June 5th Mazol's Oriental Band held its annual BBQ with hot dogs and burgers, salads and refreshments. There were more than 50 Nobles and spouses there to enjoy the evening which included a little entertainment and a lot of talent provided by Noble Gerry Young on guitar, Noble Derrick Sheppard on the Bodhran, and Mr. Harry Ingram on the accordion. A good time had by all.





NLCA Raises over \$40,000 for Mazol Shriners!



The Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association has continued to support Mazol as its Charity of Choice. This year's AGM and Casino Night saw over \$40,000 raised for our Temple. On Shriners International Awareness Day, Ill Sir Paul Rose was accompanied by Montreal Hospital CEO, Jacques Boissonneault, and received a cheque from NLCA President, Ronda Neary, and AGM Chair, James Loder, in the amount of \$40,345.00. This year's contribution brings the total contributed by the NLCA to Mazol to \$395,000.00 since 2006.

We thank the NLCA for choosing Mazol Shriners of Newfoundland and Labrador as their charity of choice.



A St. John's Shrine Club Surprise

President of the Trinity Conception Shrine Club, Noble Laurence Pike, was recently installed as Master of Lodge McLeod. In support of Noble Lawrence and his lodge, members of the St John's Shrine Club attended as Shrine Masons wearing their Shrine Club dress and Masonic Lodge aprons. This official visitation was the first to take place in the 60 year history of the St. John's Shrine Club!

President of the St. John's Shrine Club, Ill. Sir Bert Avery (PP), would like to thank the nobles that attended the installation.





2018 Fezeroo Sweepstakes

It's that time of the year when Mazol launches its major fundraiser, the Fezeroo. Again we are pleased to announce that the Hickman Group will be partnering with us this year, and will be providing the automotive prize choices for 2018. This year's lucky winner will have a choice of either a 2019 Jeep Cherokee or Honda CRV. The grand prize draw will take place at the Avalon Mall in St. John's on Saturday, September 29th.

We all recall the problems encountered during last year's Fezeroo. In the face of the enormous impact of the Chase the Ace Draw in the Goulds, combined with an overall decline in ticket demand across the Island and in Labrador, a financial disaster was averted at the last moment through the generous support of our Clubs. Thank you for stepping up.

This year's tickets are printed and will be going out to the Clubs and Nobles in July. In-Mall selling will commence around the same time. Vehicles will be on display in St. John's and Corner Brook.

We urge all Clubs to make a special effort this year to sell the tickets you receive. Remember, this is for our shrine kids.





Montreal Shriners Hospital Seminar

Ask any Noble why he joined the Shrine, and the answer will be "to help the children." Annually the Montreal Hospital offers a three day seminar that gives Shriners and their Ladies a front row seat and the opportunity to see first hand the great things being done for our children in Montreal.

This year's Seminar ran from May 13-16 and saw approximately 100 Shriners and their Ladies participate. Mazol had a delegation of 15 in attendance, and outside of the host Karnak Temple, it was the largest group from any other location across the country.

As has become the tradition, the Hospital's Marketing and Communications staff organize and co-ordinate the Seminar, which showcases the many great things happening at the Hospital, from state of the art healthcare, to internationally recognized medical research and innovation. The Seminar really drives home the message of what the Shrine is all about.



Those attending the Seminar had the opportunity to meet Hospital Staff and the Medical teams which do such great work. Presentations during the Seminar highlighted some of the major activities being undertaken by staff in the areas of research and care delivery. High profile participants included Imperial Sir Gerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, members of the Hospital Board of Governors, led by Chair Bill Miller, along with Hospital Administrator Jacques Boissonneault and many of the doctors and management staff.

Some of the highlights and events from this year's Seminar were:

- Hospital Tours Of the Rehabilitation Centre, Clinical Research, and Motion Analysis Centre.
- A Workshop for Temple Hospital Chairs and Club Co-ordinators.
- Presentations on Trends in Orthopaedic Care; Innovations in Spine Care.
- An overview of Research at the Hospital
- Fundraising for the Future
- And socially, a fantastic dinner and evening of entertainment in Old Montreal.

It was highlighted during the Seminar that the Hospital is seeking Accreditation as an International Centre of Excellence for treatment of and research in the area of Brittle Bone Disease (OI/ Osteogenesis Imperfecta). Coincidentally, OI is the Charity of choice for Lady Sharon Rose, and at the conclusion of the Seminar, she presented a cheque for \$9700 to the Hospital Chair representing NL Club contributions received during the first few months of the Potentate's Visitations this year.

As a final note, Clubs are urged to consider sending their Patient Co-ordinators to future Seminars. This year the Long Range Club and the Boot, took the initiative, and we are certain that Ben Simms and Ralph Mayo will attest to the exhilarating experience had by them and their Ladies.









Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada's contribution to healthcare recognized by Government of Quebec with renewed subsidy agreement

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada is proud to announce that it has reached an agreement with the Quebec Government for the renewal of its annual funding. This funding of \$23.9 million dollars annually, supports the care costs for children of Quebec. Shriners Hospitals for Children continues to cover all building and equipment, medical and administrative staffing, research, teaching, school, Child Life and Social Services expenses. The Shriners Fraternity administers funds to provide for necessary medical transportation costs.

"We wish to thank the Quebec Government and specifically Health Minister Gaétan Barrette, for taking the time to work with us, recognizing the specialized care we continue to provide as well as our role in pediatric care in Quebec. The Government's ongoing support, and today's announcement of funding in the amount of \$23.9 million annually, is exceptional. It will help us continue to provide top-level orthopaedic care to the children of Quebec and beyond." Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Why now?

In the last five years, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada has seen a dramatic increase in its patient population, especially since the hospital moved to its new location at the Glen site in Montreal, in 2015. This move more than doubled space dedicated to care, teaching and research. Referrals have increased by 24%, the number of visits in ambulatory care by 33% and rehabilitative services by 61%. Last year, our hospital performed more than 1,000 surgeries and still has the capacity for more. As part of the Shriners Hospitals network, this hospital offers specialty orthopaedic care to children from across Canada, the Northeast US and around the world. Currently, the majority of these new patients are from the province of Quebec.

"This is a win-win announcement! Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada provides many medical resources to the community and the population, all of which is privately funded. For example, our new hospital was built and equipped with the latest technologies, entirely thanks to the support of the Shriners Fraternity and hundreds of very generous donors. We teach more than 100 residents and medical students annually. We also have Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral students in our laboratories. We also have nursing, rehabilitation, social services and even housekeeping students. Our research has yielded discoveries that have changed the lives of children here and around the world. We are proud of our contributions and we are very grateful for this renewed support." Bill Miller, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada.

"Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada is a truly special place where children and families are, and have always been, at the center of all the decisions we make. On behalf of our staff and all the children and families we treat, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Quebec Government. We look forward to working closely together along with our local and community partners to ensure access to care for children as well as providing more continuing education for healthcare providers." concludes Jacques Boissonneault, Administrator, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Canada.



Potentate Visitations The first stated meeting and more!

Ill. Sir Paul Rose and some of his Divan have had the pleasure of visiting several clubs to date. On the weekend of April 28th and 29th, the Potentate, his Lady and the Chief Rabban, Robert Barrett and his Lady, Zana enjoyed a 2 day visit to Goose Bay, where the Lake Melville and Ptarmigan Clubs joined together for a meet and greet Friday evening followed by a beautiful banquet Saturday.

In May, It was off to Montreal for the Karnak visitation which was immediately followed by the Hospital seminar. Mazol was very well represented at this year's seminar with 15 Nobles and ladies in attendance!



Then is was back home in June, where the potentate and Divan members visited Clarenville, Gander (June 1st and 2nd), and Lewisporte and the Boot, (June 8th and 9th). A thank you goes out to all

the clubs for hosting such fantastic meals and evenings.

Ill Sir Paul Rose also conducted his first stated meeting in the Masonic Lodge in Gander on June 2nd. Two donations were received, one from Noble Peter Sceviour representing the Lewisporte Shrine Club and the other from Ill. Sir Bert Avery of the St. John's Shrine Club.





By now, you all should have received the Notice of Stated Meeting and the information on this year's Summer Ceremonial in the mail. We hope you will come join us in St. John's for the celebrations. See below for a schedule of events. Please contact Karen Finn at the Mazol Office (709-364-1591) to get your tickets.

Thank you and we look forward to sharing our weekend with you all.

- Ill. Sir Paul Rose and Lady Sharon

Friday, July 27 th			
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Opening	Quality Hotel Harbourview	
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	"Meet and Greet" + Presentation of Cheques	Mazol Shrine Centre	
10:00 PM - Midnight	Hospitality Suite	Quality Hotel Harbourview	
Saturday, July 28th			
9:00 AM - Noon	Stated Meeting and First Section	Freemasons Hall	
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Soup and Sandwiches	Freemasons Hall	\$10.00 pp
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Ladies Summer Luncheon	Bally Haly Golf and Country Club	\$36.00 pp
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Tour and Brew Tasting (optional)	Historic Quidi Vidi Vallage	\$10.00 pp
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite (for those not attending Quidi Vidi tour)	Quality Hotel Harbourview	
6:30 PM	Cocktails followed by Dinner and Dance	Johnson Geo Centre Signal Hill	\$65.00 pp
11:00 PM - 1:00 AM	Hospitality Suite	Quality Hotel Harbourview	
Sunday, July 29th (if you wish to extend your stay)			
2:00 PM	O'Brien's Whale and Bird Tours	Bay Bulls	\$60.00 pp \$55.00 (Seniors 65+)
6:30 PM	Dinner with Counterparts and Nobles	Portobello's Restaurant St. John's `	Pay what you order at the restaurant



Shriners International Awareness Day Spreading the Good News

Shriner's International Awareness Day on June 6th. It was a day for Shriners to get out and tell the public the good news about our great philanthropy. Throughout, Shrinedom Temples held special events and activities. Mazol was no exception.

As part of our efforts to promote the day, 25 Shriners and Ladies visited the House of Assembly where Minister of Natural Resources, Siobhan Coady officially recognized the charitable work done by Mazol in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Coincidently on June 6th. the CEO of our Montreal Children's Hospital, Jacques Boissonneault, was in St. John's attending a Medical Conference, and joined Potentate Paul Rose for a series of media events and meetings promoting Shriners International.



During the day, on air interviews were held at CBC Radio and Television, as well as with NTV. The local newspaper, The Telegram , published an article about our Hospital and the activities of the Shrine in this Province. Also that day, a cheque presentation took place at the offices of the Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association. Recognizing Mazol as their Charity of choice, the NLCA presented the Potentate a cheque in the amount of \$40,000.00 , which represented funds raised during their Annual General Meeting at the Delta St. John's in March.

A final highlight of the day took place at the Janeway Children's Hospital, where a meeting was held with medical staff to address opportunities for future collaboration and relationship building between the Janeway and our Montreal Hospital. In the past there has been ongoing consultations between individual doctors of Janeway and Shrine doctors, however it is felt that there is further potential to expand into a broader area of cooperation between our two organizations.



Northeast Shrine Association Fall Field Days 2019



Mazol Shriners of Newfoundland and Labrador are very pleased to have the opportunity to host the Northeast Shrine Association Fall Field Days in picturesque Corner Brook Newfoundland and Labrador, August 15-18, 2019.

Our Organizing Committee has been meeting regularly to plan an event which will be a memorable experience to all who attend. Imagine coming here from "away" to have the opportunity to attend a traditional Newfoundland "Kitchen Party" with

all the entertainment and fun you can imagine! Our out-of-town special guest will enjoy experiencing the "Bootleggers Degree" and "Screech-in", among so many other unique Newfoundland experiences and tours.





Our website (nsa2019.mazolshriners.com) is currently under development and information regarding registration, accommodations, schedule of event and tours, will be added in the weeks ahead. Please remember to check the website for new and updated information as we continue the planning process.

A very special registration kit awaits you which will contain information that our visitors will cherish. We want you to visit the beautiful sites of the West Coast and Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland and Labrador... an experience not to be forgotten.

Look forward to additional information as the NSA committee confirms Accommodations and a more detailed schedule of events.



Potentate's Calendar

July 13th-20th - Imperial Session, Daytona Beach, Florida

July 26th - Divan Meeting, Mazol Shrine Centre

July 27th-28th - Summer Ceremonial/Stated Meeting, St. John's

July 29th - Summer Ceremonial Excursion

August 10th - 12th - Tunis Shriners Visitation, Ottawa Ontario August 31st - RV Park Visitation, Eastport

September 13th - 16th - NSA Fall Field Days, Rutland, VT Sept 28th - 30th - Luxor Shriners Visitation, Saint John, New Brunswick

Oct 26th - 28th - Long Range Shrine Club Visitation, Corner Brook

Nov 1st - 4th - TriFecta Visitation, Bangor, ME

Nov 13th - Visitation Compass Club, Mount Pearl

Nov 23rd - Visitation Trinity Conception Club, Carbonear

Nov 24th - Stated Meeting, St. John's

Dec 13th - Visitation St. John's Club, Mazol Shrine Centre

Jan 24th - 27th - Installation Weekend (Charitable Trust Mtg, Club Mtg., AGM, Installation, Ladies Luncheon, Banquet)

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.



Notes from the Editor's Desk

Nobles,

It is my pleasure to serve as the Editor of the Mazol Connection. As your Editor it will be my responsibility to bring your stories to the nobility across the province so that everyone knows what is happening in the Temple, and in your home clubs.

If you have anything that is happening in your clubs, please do not hesitate to forward it to me by sending it to mazolnewscoordinator@nf.aibn.com.

I look forward to the coming year and sharing the good news of the temple and our Potentate Ill. Sir Paul Rose, Lady Sharon, and the Divan.

Fraternally Yours

Noble Tom Power Mazol PR Committee

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