

The Mazol Connection May 2022



Message from Ill Sir William (Bill) Radford

Here I am sitting at my computer to write a message for the Connection. Training has taught me that right from the start you need to grab your audience's attention. So instead of following the rules of tricking you or wooing you with catch phrases, buzz words and famous quotes, which seems to be quite popular, I'm going to cut to the chase. When I decided to run for the Divan, of course I sat down with my Lady and we decided we were going to do it. It was a long-term commitment. We well knew that. I joined the Shrine in 1980 while NL was a part of Philae Temple. We were well accustomed to being "on the road" traveling with Saint John's Lodge and our son Keith being an All-Star Hockey player. We enjoyed it. We were very fortunate when we got involved with the Shrine, Beverley's Parents were more than willing to have their only Grandson at the time, come to visit. My Parents? They were with us. Dad joined the Shrine the same day I did. We were proposed by Brother Noble Jim. There started the Legacy. We had fun! A lot of fun.



Times were different. Beverley was a stay-at-home Mom. I was heavily involved in the Lodge (Senior Deacon in a very busy Lodge). I was in the Shine, on two Bingo teams, in the Clown Unit (now there is a surprise you wouldn't guess). Director in SJSC, Coaching Minor Hockey and a very demanding job. I'm not trying to brag here. I'm reminding some of "my age" and our younger members that "times were different". There were certain "roles" each parent had. Now with both Parents in full time careers, longer commutes, etc. there is just not as much time available. Sometimes it makes me sad to know today's generation is missing out on so much fun.

Mazol has gone through some very trying times over the past several years but we have survived and things are turning very positive. In fact, I do think there is potential for growth. I am hearing of some renewed interest in the Shrine among Masons. I'm hearing interest in the public. But here it gets tricky. When you explain the process, with some the interest wanes. I am not advocating taking in non masons. However, there is a very strong feeling out there that it will eventually come.

Firstly, we are Masons and we need to get out there to other men what the Brotherhood means. How we take good men and make them better. How great it is when you go somewhere and you suddenly discover, this guy a Mason, you are instant friends and have an innate desire to help them and they help you. As a mason you will view the world differently. You should be more aware, empathetic and have stronger desire to help others. I am not preaching to the choir here, I'm reminding you how great you are.



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Membership levels in the US are plummeting. Years ago there were over 900,000 Shriners world wide, that membership has gone down by more than 2/3. It is dropping by 10,000 per year. The overall membership numbers impact in the US is somewhat skewed as there is large growth in South America, Mexico and Philippines. We all need to take ownership. We have available through the office, wallet size application forms. Please make sure you have one. Go to a meeting give one to a Mason.



Tell them what they are missing out. Great cause, lots of fun. Also give one to your Lady for her to be able to give it to someone she thinks would make a good Shriner or give it to another Lady and suggest they could all have fun together if her husband was a Shriner. We have available an electronic copy of the application. Contact Karen, she can send it to you. Anyway, you will hear much more on membership. I pitch membership as; what a shame to have all those masons out there not joining us as we embark on our journey of "Family, Fun and you in '22".

Getting this train out of the station has been tough. We have made lots of plans but due mostly to Covid, we have been stopped or delayed.



The January Installation looked like we were going to have numbers ahead of previous years. Interest in the Ladies Luncheon was very high, particularly among our Shrine Widows. Banquet tickets were going well. Our son, Noble Keith was flying in from Calgary. Family members had delayed their travel to Florida. Things were looking great until the middle of December. It was very disappointing to pull the plug and when January 8 came there were 10 of us in the Shrine Center including Ill. Sir Gerry Budden who performed the installation.

Our three staff members who were providing support for our zoom call. In person also was our daughter Lady Virginia and her husband Noble Matt along with two of our granddaughters. Funny thing when Virginia was very young, she used to say, "When I grow up, I'm going to marry a Shriner, because I want to be a Lady of the Saber". Her husband became a Shriner. With a busy career and a young family being "A Lady of the Saber" can't be for a few more years. Noble Keith joined us by zoom from Calgary. I found it very emotional. Many joined the zoom call from clubs including some of my counter parts from other temples. Thanks to all. Note for future Installations I think we should keep a zoom option for those who can not be in attendance.

Our Summer Ceremonial is in the planed for July 29-30. There will be a stated meeting at Freemasons Hall, Mount Pearl Friday evening. Followed by a Meet and Greet (postponed Chief Rabban's Night) at the Mazol Shrine Center. Saturday morning will be a Ceremonial. A parade is planned for the afternoon (approval is pending) more details to follow. A formal Banquet will be held in the evening at the Mazol Shrine Center. Please plan to attend. Put it in your calendar. A good time is guaranteed. We are expecting many visitors.

Club visits are underway. The first one was to Clareville with nearly all members and their Ladies in attendance. We met with Nobles in the afternoon and discussed a number of items. I think the meeting was very beneficial as we shared ideas and concerns. A dinner at the Quality Hotel was well attended and much appreciated. Kudos to the Clareville Bonavista Shrine Club. The Potentate's room was quite comfortable and the attached room made an excellent hospitality suite which provided a meeting point to have a drink and share stories before and after the dinner.

Why not have a look at your calendar and see if you can join us on some visits?

June 17, Boot Shrine Club in Burin

June 24, Lewisporte Shrine Club

June 25 Gander Shrine Club- Leadership Seminar

A great big thank you from Lady Beverley and myself for the refreshments, the lovely gift and the hospitality.

Shriners International

Awareness Day

June 6th

Shriners International Awareness Day is June 6 and recognizes the day the Imperial Council was formed – June 6, 1876.

The day of recognition is an opportunity for every Shriner to share information about the fraternity, its history and the benefits of becoming part of an organization that is dedicated to fun, fellowship and philanthropic support.

Shriners are asked to wear their fez, if appropriate, or hat, shirt, pin or other item with the fraternal logo to help recognize fellow Shriners and increase awareness of Shriners International. How will you recognize the day?





Plenty of Ways to Participate

Here are a few ways both nobles and temples can get involved:

- ▶ Wear your fez on Shriners International Awareness Day when appropriate (during an official Shriners function).
- ▶ Show pride in Shriners International by wearing a hat, shirt, lapel pin, or other item with the fraternal logo. Your family members can also wear appropriate clothing items that promote the fraternity.
- ▶ Organize an event at your temple or in your local community. Inviting the public to participate will increase awareness and interest in both your local temple and Shriners International.
- ▶ Promote Shriners International Awareness Day on your temple website and social media pages. Announce the date at all club and unit meetings to ensure all nobles are informed.
- ▶ Distribute the *Shriner Primer* and pocket petition to potential prospects during community events.
- ▶ Hold an Open House at your temple.
- ▶ Host a Media Night.
- ▶ Ask family members to take fraternal literature (brochures, etc.) to their place of employment, if permitted.

We hope that every Shriner and every temple will participate in this important opportunity to honor our fraternity.



Share your pride in a future issue of this publication. Send a brief summary of your temple's Awareness Day activities to shrinepr@shrinenet.org for consideration.



MAZOL 2022 EVENT SCHEDULE



Date	Description
April 30	Stated Meeting
May 6	Potentate's Visit to Clarendville
May 10	Divan Meeting
May 12	Virtual Ceremonial
May 27-28	Tunis Visitation
June 6	Flag Raising – Confederation Building
June 6 – 10	Awareness Week
June 10 – 11	Philae/Luxor Visit
June 14	Divan Meeting
June 17	Potentate's visit to Boot Shrine Club (Mazol Charter Day)
June 24	Potentate's Visit to Lewisporte
June 25	Leadership Seminar 2:00 – 5:00 – Albatross Hotel – Gander
June 25	Potentate's Visit to Gander
July 3 – 7	Imperial Sessions – Minneapolis
July 12	Divan Meeting
July 29	Stated Meeting at Freemason's Hall & Meet and greet at MSC
July 30	Summer Ceremonial/ 40 Anniversary, Parade, Formal Dinner
July 31	Garden Party
August 5 – 7	Karnak Visitation
August 8	Shriners Hospital for Children Canada Golf Tournament
August 9 -10	SHCC Seminar
August 19-20	Potentate's Visit to Lake Melville SC & Ptarmigan SC
(Tentative to be confirmed)	
September 2 – 4	Visit to RV Park
September 13	Divan Meeting
September 15 – 18	NSA Fall Field Days – Bangor ME
October TBD	Shriners International 150 Anniversary Celebration. Shriner's Children's 125th
October 7 – 9	Trifecta – Anah, Kora, Bektash Visitation
October 11	Divan Meeting
Potentate's Visit to Long Range Shrine Club	
November 8	Divan Meeting
November 8	Compass Shrine Club visit and Installation
November 15	St. John's Shrine Club visit and Installation
November 18	Trinity Conception Shrine Club visit and Installation
November 22	Divan Budget Meeting
December 10	Stated Meeting and Election

Club visits:

Clarendville - May 6

Boot – June 17 Lewisporte –

June 24 Gander – June 25 Leadership Seminar 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Albatross Hotel Gander

Lake Melville / Ptarmigan - August 19-20 - to be confirmed

Long Range - to be determined

Compass - November 8

St. John's – November 15

Trinity Conception – November 18



III. Sir Roger Tinkham

This year marks a milestone in the Shrine career of one of Mazol's most distinguished Nobles. Illustrious Sir Roger Tinkham will be retiring from his position as our Children's Hospital Representative, after 10 years of exemplary service on the Montreal Board of Directors.

Illustrious Sir Roger recently sat down with us to answer a few questions about his time on the Board and other things which he has experience during his tenure.

How long have you been on the Hospital Board?

I joined the Board in 2012, following Ill. Sir Lester Bowring who served before me. Prior to that I was the St. John's Shrine Club patient representative.



You will soon be recognized for your service?

Yes, I am humbled to say that in December I will be receiving the Shriner Emeritus title, in recognition of my 10 years on the Board. This title enables me to participate in future Board Meetings, to attend Hospital functions, and to remain on the email list for information purposes.

What were some of your duties on the Board?

I have served on a variety of committees. I presently Chair or Co-chair a number of them, including, Finance, Public Relations, Human Resources, International Patients, and the Nominating Committee.

What do you do on the Board for Mazol?

I make sure that all the latest Hospital information is sent to Mazol's Club Patient Representatives and our Recorder. Also, it is important to keep the Potentate up to date on all our patients, both new and old, as well as their respective appointment schedules.

Was there a high point in your career?

Definitely! It was the fire on Bell Island in 1998, when a young boy, Kyle Hynes and his father received significant burns in a house fire. he became a Shrine patient and travelled entirely to the Boston Hospital. There was a recent CBC program about Kyle and where he is today. Follow the link to see read his amazing story

<https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform/this-is-my-story-kyle>

Are there any other highlights?

Yes, in 2015 in recognition of the opening of the new Shriners Hospital in Montreal, I participated in the Rendezvous project, which saw a specially designed Shriner van, travel across Canada, promoting the Shrine and all we do for our children. I remember dipping our wheels in St. John's Harbour, and then driving to Port aux Basques, accompanied by Ill Sir Wayne Mayo and Noble Gord Abbott from the Boot Club, as well as Emmanuelle Rondeau and Catherine ,daughter of Dr. St-Arnaud, from the Hospital.

Over the years what has given you the most satisfaction?

I would say it was when we started conducting Outreach Clinics in Gander. It meant so much to our families to have these clinics at home, and not having to travel to Montreal. At the time Mazol gave the Gander Hospital \$50,000 to upgrade rooms for Dr. Fassier's clinical work.

Also, the introduction of Telemedicine has proved invaluable and offers much potential for future care of patients in remote locations and around the world.

Finally, I am proud to have been part of the transitioning from the Old to the New Montreal Shriners Hospital. Today's Hospital has 10 times the staff of its predecessor.

What will you miss the most after leaving the Board?

I will miss my many friends and Shriners with whom I worked within our network of 17 Canadian Temples. The staff at the Hospital have all been great friends to me.. Some have even stayed with us in St. John's. And of course, our patients and their families. I always made sure to find out when there was a Mazol patient in Montreal, and to visit them and their families.

Any parting thoughts?

Yes, I was always overwhelmed to see the successful recovery of our patients. Knowing the dire straits some were in, and to see them eventually able to walk, always brought a tear to my eye.



Challenges of Patient Management

As we gradually start to see an easing of COVID travel restrictions, we thought it would be interesting to interview Mazol's Office Manager, Karen Finn, who co-ordinates our Patient Transportation Fund.

As the “go to” person for our Patient families, Karen works tirelessly to insure that all applications for assistance are carefully managed and that all travel arrangements are tailored to the specific needs of the respective patient.



What are the latest statistics on Mazol's patient travel in 2022, # of patients, total cost?

Jan-- 4 Feb---2 March--4 April-- 8 May --13 & counting June 5 & counting
To date the cost \$49,000.00 with a saving of about \$24,000.00 given our partnership with the Air Canada Foundation and Aeroplan.

Has activity declined, making a comeback, etc.?

It declined especially in 2021 with only 34 patients travelling to Montreal. Yes, finally families are excited and so grateful to be able to travel as the restrictions are being lifted.

What is the average cost of sending a patient to our Montreal hospital?

Average cost is \$1500.00 to \$4000.00 per parent and child, if the family is departing from St. John's. If the appointment is made last minute, then the cost of the flight is more expensive.

Where do our patients go within the Shrine Hospital network?

The majority of our patients are seen in Montreal, but we did have three that went to Philadelphia.

What is your biggest challenge when working with our patients?

The biggest challenge is making sure that everything runs smoothly. Insuring that flights are on time, accommodations are booked, the necessary assistance is in place for the child, a Shriner is there to meet them, and that the family has all the vital contact numbers, For some of these parents they have never flown before and have some anxiety in flying or travelling.

What is the biggest change you face in managing the PTF today versus 4 years ago?

The biggest change is that because of the internet, families / parents are searching for second opinions on their child's condition. A lot of our patients have read about Shriners, seen advertisements on television, and apply directly to the hospital. The doctors at the Janeway are highly recommending Shriners Hospitals to parents as they know of our doctors, hospital teams, or maybe even studied with them or watched a surgery done at Shriners Hospital. The relationship between the Janeway & Eastern Health is outstanding.

What's is the average length of a patient's stay in Montreal.?

The average stay in Montreal is 3 days. Due to our weather, we book the flight the day before the appointment and return the day after the appointment. If the child is scheduled for surgery, it may be 10 days. This would include preop & Covid Testing and or blood work. If the child requires braces, it is a week long appointment, given the requisite fitting process.

What gives you the greatest satisfaction when dealing with patients?

When you talk to a parent you can hear it in their voice, they are so grateful, so happy that someone was able to help their child, answer their questions and address their concerns.

Does any one case stand out?

Oh my ! I can't name just one as there so many : there is Ryan, Andrew, Maddie, Oliver, Caci, Cooper, have all touched my heart.
They are all my kids!





Shriner of the Year

Every year since 1996, nominations from the Shrine Clubs, Shrine units and the general Nobility are accepted for an Award, in recognition of the Shriner's dedication and enthusiasm to Mazol Shriners NL, the Masonic and his Community.

The Shriner of the Year is awarded the Noble Edward Loughlin Memorial Plaque, donated by the family in memory their Father, who passed away on March 5, 1990. Noble Laughlin was a dedicated Shriner and Mason and was a Charter member of the Long Range Shrine Club.

This year's recipient is **Noble Donald Wayne Moores** of the Compass Shrine Club. In 2021 he served as chairman of the nominating committee for his club and filled a full slate of officers for 2022

He participated in the Ceremonial Divan for the Summer Ceremonial.

He is a very valuable and respected member of his Compass Shrine Club and assisted in helping the Club get back to normal operations. Wayne attends every Club meeting despite his mobility challenges. Several times he has driven his wheelchair to the Glacier to help his Club's fundraising.

Wayne continues to be the key organizer of an extraordinarily successful Christmas at the Glacier.

He is a tireless worker for his Lodges, Shrine, Church and family.

**CONGRATULATIONS
NOBLE WAYNE
FROM ALL YOUR FELLOW SHRINERS!**

Our New Oriental Guide Noble William (Bill) Kennedy

Greetings Ill. Sirs Nobles and Ladies,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the confidence that the Nobility has shown me by electing me to the position of Oriental Guide. Over the course of the next few years Lady Jeannette and I are both looking forward to meeting as many Nobles and their Ladies as possible.



I have spent a lot of years on the periphery of the Divan. I began serving as Legal Counsel in 2004 under Potentate, Illustrious Sir P.A. (Al) Lorhan. Over the past 18 years I have provided counsel for a steady stream of Potentates and have been involved in many issues that affected Mazol I Temple. That being said, it still didn't prepare me for the reality of dealing with Divan issues.

The amount of work that is required is considerable. The number of problems that need to be dealt with are surprisingly great in number. However, overall, I have had a pleasant introduction to my role as Oriental Guide. The only blemish so far was that we were supposed to attend the Oriental Guide Seminar in late March, 2022. Unfortunately, circumstances dictated that this was not to be. Jeannette and I both contacted Covid just before the Seminar was to take place and we were not able to travel to Tampa. We have both reviewed the material that would have been covered in the seminar, but this is not the same as being there.

Over this summer, Illustrious Sir William Radford has outlined a busy itinerary and Lady Jeannette and I hope to attend as many as possible. In addition, Fall Field Days are set for the middle of September in Bangor, Maine, USA. We will be attending and, to make up for the loss of the Oriental Guide Seminar, hope to meet as many of our Counterparts as possible.

In closing, both Lady Jeannette and I wish all of you a happy and productive summer and hope that you can spend time with your family, other loved ones and start to shake off the dust of Covid lockdown.

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William S Kennedy

Oriental Guide Seminar - Tampa

On March 31 Lady Helen and I arrived at the Tampa Marriott Airport hotel for the Oriental Guide Workshop. A meet and greet held that evening helped the participants get acquainted.

The effects of the Covid 19 pandemic were evident from the start. Oriental Guides from across the USA and all from Canada had not been able to attend the workshop in 2021. Over three hundred Nobles and their Ladies were present. This was one of the largest workshops ever held.

Friday morning the workshop divided into three groups and Nobles and Ladies had a presentation on Leadership. Shriner's International has permission to use John Maxwell's research on Leadership Development and Organizational Effectiveness. Imperial Marshall Matt Sturlaugson and Past Potentate of Jaffa Shriners Ill Sir Jordan Settle presented the leadership training to our group. I have attended leadership training in my past life in the RCN but never introduced to the method used at the OG workshop. It was informative and straightforward. It teaches how to deal with mindsets, behaviors, and the importance of communication. Lady Helen and I both enjoyed and learned quite a bit that morning.

Friday afternoon the Ladies had presentations and the Nobles introduced to Shrine Law and Fundraising. The Shrine Law presentation was an eyeopener for me. That presentation was the most enlightening of the whole workshop. It certainly got me interested in investigating how and why these laws should be adhered to. The Fundraising presentations were also interesting. The presenter delved into the dos and don'ts of fundraising and referenced the requirements to the Shrine Law for advertising and use of funds. It was an experience to hear how Temples and Clubs raise money. BINGO is a big fundraiser in the States also.

Saturday morning was taken up with Budgeting and Finance. I got the impression from this session that Temples everywhere have the same sort of issues when it comes to money. Nobles everywhere have the impression that Temple funds come after the Patient and Hospital requirements. It was heavily stressed that if there is no Temple there is no way to assist the children. A healthy, well-run Temple provides for the hospitals and children more effectively than one which is struggling for operating funds.



There was a session on Saturday afternoon on what's not in the Book. This session was an overview from past Imperial Officers on their experiences of what to do and what not to do. Shrine Protocol, membership, public exposure etc. were discussed.

Lady Helen informs me that the Ladies sessions were also informative. They had sessions on fundraising, protocol, membership, and communications. She also informed me that Temples in the States have put an emphasis on having the Ladies involved in Temple functions and some decisions.

The workshop was busy and intense. It was a hectic three days, but a rewarding time. Meeting other Shriners and seeing how they do their business and how they have fun while doing it was an experience.

Yours in the Faith
Laurence Pike
High Priest and Prophet



Assistant Rabban Seminar - Tampa

The Shriners International Education Foundation and Kosair Charities conducted the annual Assistant Rabban Seminar and Leadership Training session from April 4 -7, 2022 at the Marriott Hotel, Tampa Airport. Lady Ruth and I were pleased to represent Mazol Temple at this conference. The seminar was a great learning experience planned and conducted by a committee of Nobles and Ladies, including Imperial Sirs Bill Bailey (Lady Debby), Ed Stolze, Kevin Costello (Lady Jill), Matt Sturlaugson (Lady Mandi) and Brad Koehn. Nobles and our Ladies were treated to a busy and informative learning experience and plenty of opportunities to meet and network with our colleagues within our regional Shrine Associations and other Temples.



The leadership training, during the first day and a half, focused on creating a plan to make our year a success for the Temple. This is accomplished by developing a sense of purpose and a positive attitude as leaders. In short, this means putting the needs of the Nobility, the Temple, and Shriners Hospitals for Children above our own. Lady Ruth and I participated in this training session together and had the opportunity to learn and share with AR couples from all over North America and a Noble from Bolivia! The program included instruction on Purpose and Attitude, Working with key people (Team building), Building a plan, and putting Performance indicators in place to measure success. The pace of learning, due to the time restraints of a three day conference, was something like trying to get a drink from a fire hydrant but we did manage to gather some nuggets to help us grow!

The final day and a half was comprised of separate sessions for Nobles and Ladies on topics of importance. The Nobles received specific sessions on Shrine Law (Ill. Sir Jon Hanson, Chair of Jurisprudence), Building the Temple Budget (Imp. Sir Brad Koehn, Imp. Treasurer), Temple Risk Management (Ill. Sir John Piland, Exec VP, Shriners International, and Facilitating Effective Communication (Ill Sirs Matt Sturlaughson and Jordan Settle).

The sessions were informative and collaborative and were great learning experiences. Our ladies were given sessions on Event Planning, Public Speaking, Mentoring ladies of new nobles, Ceremonials, and Shrine Protocol. Lady Ruth feels she was trained to keep me in line!

While learning is the primary focus of the Seminar, we also had the opportunity to meet and develop friendships with our colleagues within NESAs and other Temples. The social gatherings were fun and relaxed with plenty of activities from the committee, some of which you might see us use with you and your ladies!

In closing, Lady Ruth and I want to thank the nobles of Mazol Temple for your confidence in us and for providing us the experience of participating in this seminar. We are eager to apply the lessons learned to improve our practice as we proceed through the line of leadership and take on increasing responsibilities within the Temple. Before you know it we will be “Doing More in 24”!!

YITF
Lloyd Collins
Assistant Rabban



BOOT SHRINE CLUB REPORT

The following is an overview of activity of the Boot Shrine Club for the past two years, 2020 and 2021, as we navigated the current global pandemic, However, the coronavirus made this statement irrelevant, as it marked unprecedented times.

We began 2020 with our Club participating in the Potentate's Installation , but soon afterward came the *Covid Crash*.



All branches of Freemasonry were forced to suspend all in- person meetings, fellowship and fundraising, including our TV Bingo. Yet despite the litany of restrictions which this pandemic imposed on us, it did not extinguish the light of freemasonry by which our Craft is guided. We decided to move forward as best we could, following the directives from Grand Lodge and the Provincial Government.

During 2020 our Club held 4 Meetings, of which 3 were Zoom Meetings, with 1 Emergency Meeting. Though proved beneficial for conducting the business of our Shrine Club, those of our members without access to it were disadvantaged.

Shriner's Hospitals also implemented restrictions to help protect patients. Outreach Clinics were suspended. Patient Travel was reduced to emergencies only.

As restrictions eased we were able to reinstate our TV Bingo in July, and as people were spending more time at home, ticket sales did well.

Following the example of other branches of Masonry, we did not hold our Election of Officers, but rather allowed Noble President Shane Foote and his Officers to carry on for the 2021 term.

The winners for our 2020 Scholarships were as follows:

No applications received for Level I.

Level II - Mariah Evans and Owen Drake

Level III - Kelsey Ross

The Club contributed the following amounts: \$30,100.00 for the PTF / \$10,000.00 for Temple Operations / \$700.00 to the Donor Relations \$100 Million Club and \$1000.00 to our Montreal Hospital.



Moving into 2021, in-person meetings, gatherings and fundraising were periodically suspended. Fortunately, this time round, our TV Bingo was not interrupted.

During 2021 our Club held 4 Meetings, of which 2 were Zoom Meetings, 1 Regular Meeting and 1 Emergency Meeting. Hospitals once again, Outreach Clinics were suspended, and Patient Travel was reduced to emergencies only. However, our Club had one patient return to “active” status, traveling to Montreal in November

Once again due to restrictions and guidelines associated with Covid-19, Scholarships were presented on an individual basis by Club President and Treasurer.

The winners for our 2021

Scholarships were as follows:

No applications received for Level I.

Level II - Shakthi Rayapudi

Level III - Mariah Evans and Margaret Lambe

In 2021, the Boot Shrine Club made the following contributions \$25,000/ for PTF \$16,000/ Temple Operations and \$1500.00 Donor relations/ \$100 Million Dollar Club & \$20,000.for Montreal Hospital .



Presenting Mrs., Denise Butler with a 100 Million Dollar Certificate for her dedication to the Boot Shrine Club & Shriners Hospital .

Clarenville Visitation



On May 6 th. the Potentate Ill Sir Bill Radford and Lady Beverly visited the Clarenville Shrine Club. He was accompanied by the Assistant Rabban Lloyd Collins, High Priest and Prophet Laurence Pike and their Ladies.

The visit took place at the Quality Hotel, and involved a meeting with Club members , followed by a delicious meal and refreshments. Clarenville Shriners showed up in force, with most members and their Ladies attending.





Harold Duffett RV Park

The 2022 camping seasoning of the Harold W. Duffett Shrine Park will officially start May 15th. Indications show it will be busy one. Both daily and seasonal reservations are up considerably. July we will have three Caravans visiting, one from Ontario and two from USA. Both will have approx. 25 units staying for a three day duration. That's a new record for Caravans and we look forward to their visit.

With the help of an ACOA grant we have now completed the electrical metering on all sites and work is continuing on expansion and upgrade of our playground.

Thanks to the funding received from the Gander Shrine Club we have completed phase two of converting the old office building into a maintenance shed. New shingles, overhead garage door, wiring, and windows installed. This project will be completed with the installation of siding when funds become available.

Work will continue on phase two of our Walking Trail in the Park, made possible with the help of a \$10,000.00 Newfoundland Tourism Grant. This funding will enable us to spread fill, and install wooden boardwalk were needed to complete a section of this needed attraction.

If you are visiting our area or happen to be driving through the TCH ,why not drop by for visit. Better yet rent our Park trailer, stay for a weekend and relax!

Please call 1-877-313-2322 to reach the park during open season, or you can e-mail us at shrinersparkoffice@eastlink.ca or visit <https://www.shrinersparkeastport.com/>



MSC Making It Through Covid !

It's been trying times for the Mazol Shrine Centre as continues to operate in these COVID times. The MSC is finally starting to see its bookings on the upswing, as a sense of normalcy begins to return .

The outlook for June is very positive with a full slate of bookings, including craft fairs, weddings, Girl Guides, Barbecues and Shrine events.

Wednesday night Bingo is starting to show a steady increase in numbers, as patrons begin to return. A number of our long-time players have weathered the storm and are returning to their regular tables.

Looking ahead to the traditionally busy Fall months, Events Manager Sandy Moyles reports that the calendar is filling up. Weddings, retirement seminars, and bridal showers make up a majority of the bookings. And, she's happy to advise that December is fully committed to Christmas events, with no available openings.

In the kitchen, some new equipment has been purchased to better serve those availing of our food services.

All in all things are looking bright as we start to come out of the COVID cave.



Easter Egg Hunt Saint John's Lodge

The Mazol Shrine Centre was very pleased to work with the Brethern of Saint John's Lodge#1 in hosting their first Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt. On Easter Saturday the Easter Bunny was busy hiding a delicious assortment of eggs throughout the grounds of the MSC. Children and grandchildren of Lodge members enjoyed a morning of hunting for chocolate eggs, followed by refreshments at the Shrine Centre.

Everyone who attended had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's event, at which we hope to attract an even larger group from other Lodges and Shrine Clubs.



Stated Meeting April 30th

Mazol's first Stated Meeting for 2022 was held on April 30th. at the MSC. A total of 46 Nobles participated , including Zoomed engagement from our Clubs in Gander, Lewisporte, Lake Melville, Long Range and the Boot.

The session was the first for our new Potentate, Ill Sir Bill Radford. The highlight of the meeting dealt with Mazol's revised By-Laws, which were proposed and will be subsequently voted on at the next Stated Meeting scheduled for July 29th. at Freemasons Hall. In addition several cheques were presented to the Potentate, and are pictured below.





Ukraine Burn Patients

April 22-2022 Two children suffering from severe burns as a result of the war in Ukraine have arrived in Boston for treatment amid Russia's invasion of their homeland.

Shriners Children's Boston, the only verified pediatric burn center in New England, welcomed in the two young children earlier this week via air ambulance, the hospital announcement .

The two arrived in Boston late Wednesday, each one accompanied by one of their parents. Shriners doctors said it took nearly three weeks to bring the children to the hospital as planes aren't able to fly into Ukraine due to the war. The children were instead brought to Poland, where they received care until they could board a flight to the U.S.

Doctors at Shriners Children's Boston said Friday that the two children are a 2-year-old girl and a 17-month-old boy who both sustained serious burns over the majority of their bodies from scalding hot water, MassLive.com reports.

Dr. Gennadiy Fuzaylov said the girl was injured about a month ago in Kyiv, leaving burns across 70% of her body, the news site reports. The boy suffered burns over about 55% of his body after being injured in Lviv, he said. Doctors said they'll continue removing dead tissue and constructing skin grafts to help the two recover, according to MassLive.com. They said it generally takes about a day to recover for each percent of the body that's burned.

Mid Winter Meetings

The 2022 Northeast Shrine Mid Winter Meetings were held in Bangor, Maine from March 17-19th.

Ill Sir Bill Radford represented Mazol at this annual event. In the picture below our Potentate discusses Shrine matters with Imperial Potentate Ill Sir Bill Bailey.

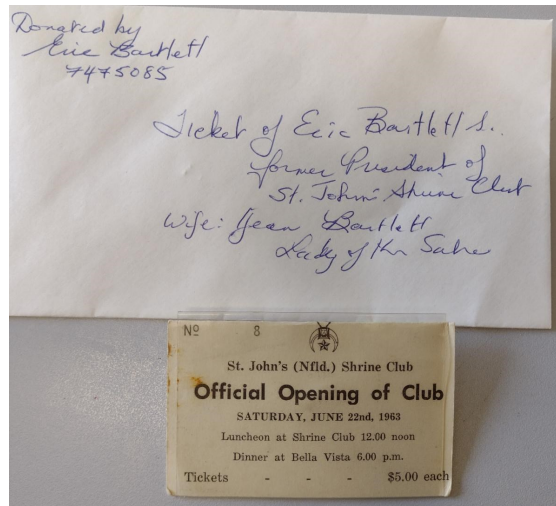


Mazol Winner of..... The Silver Membership Award!

It is interesting to note, that although 2021 was still a restricted Covid year with serious limitations

Mazol was 1 of only 2 Canadian Temples to win a Silver Membership Award.





Once upon a Time....

Here is a picture of an ticket from 60 years ago on the occasion of the Official Opening of the St. John's Shrine Club. This is the actual ticket of then Club President Eric Bartlett, which was recently dropped off at the MSC by a family member.

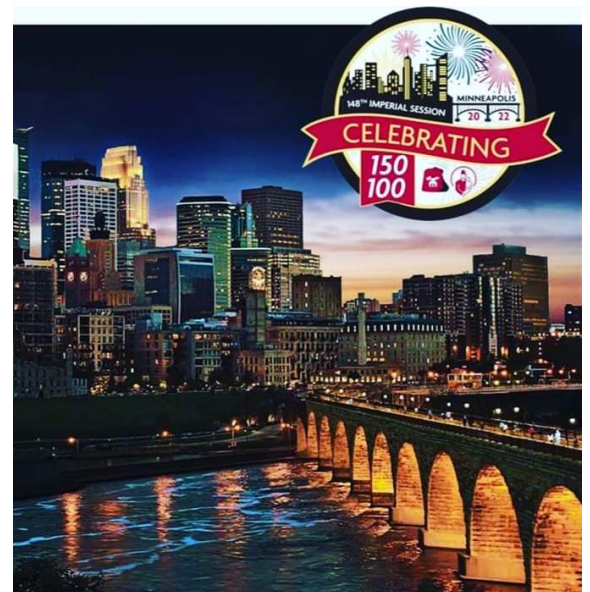
It would be of interest if there are any pictures of this event still around that could be included in a future edition of the Connection.

Please notify Karen Finn at the Mazol Office if you have any details to share.

150 Anniversary ..."Did you know ?"

In 1919 and 1920 W. Freeland Kendrick, then Imperial Potentate, traveled more than 150,000 miles visiting a majority of the temples throughout North America to campaign for an official philanthropy for the Shriners fraternity.

At 46th Imperial Session in Portland, Oregon, Kendrick recommended the foundation of what would become Shriners Hospitals for Children. #Shriners150 #Trivia



Mazol Black Camel 2021

January

Noble William J. Baldwin -Clarenville Bonavista Shrine Club
Noble Stanley S. Evans Compass Shrine Club
Noble Eli H. Bryant --Trinity Conception Shrine Club



April

Noble Frederick James "Jim" Greenland -Compass Shrine Club

May

Noble Gilbert Tucker ----St. John's Shrine Club

June

Noble Gordon Moulton ----St. John's Shrine Club
Noble Wayne C. Howell ---Long Range Shrine Club
Noble Vivian Clarke -----Gander Shrine Club

July

Noble John Crane -----St. John's Shrine Club

August

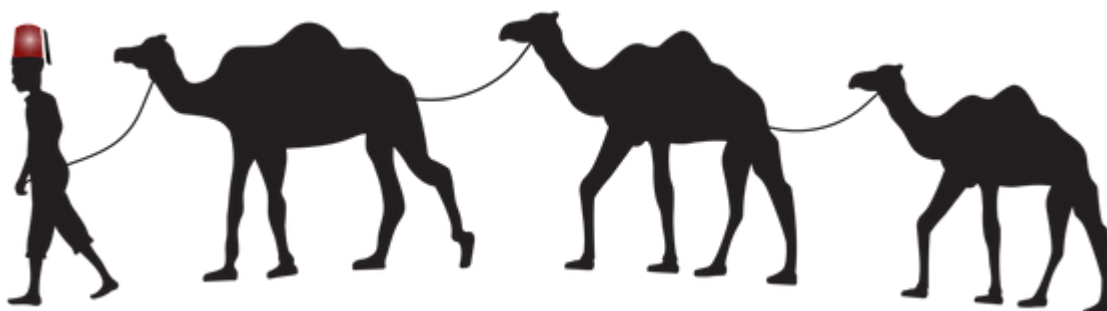
Noble Reginald Eric Batson - --Gander Shrine Club

October

Noble Chesley Carter ----Gander Shrine Club

November

Noble Douglas J. French-- St. John's Shrine Club
Noble Harry M. Colbourne ---Lewisporte Shrine Club
Noble Charles S. Rennie -----St John's Shrine Club
Noble Ford I. Collins--- -----Long Range Shrine & Boot Shrine Club





Editor's Note

We'll it looks like there's some light at the end of the tunnel.

It's been a long time coming, but we are finally starting to see Shrine activity again. Our Clubs are getting back to what they do best; a Summer Ceremonial is happening in July; Mazol will be attending the Imperial in Minneapolis; an important Leadership Seminar is planned, and the Potentate will have a full Visitation Schedule to all our Clubs. Nonetheless, it's been an ongoing challenge for the Connection Team to find content for our online newsletter.

This is our Spring 2022 Edition, and it represents material we have gathered over the first half of 2022. Please note that we continue to seek input from our Clubs, so the Connection can reflect on things happening throughout Mazol. Via this editorial commentary I am asking all Clubs to designate a Noble to be responsible for developing stories and gathering photos about projects and activities worthy of note in your territory. Requests of this nature, in the past, have resulted in minimal response, so we are making this request again. However I want to thank the Clubs who have submitted stories and photos, and continue to do so. It's most appreciated. Maybe Clubs not using Facebook should consider it for promoting their activities and events .

Paul Rose PP

