

Mazol Connection

December 2022



Ill Sir Bill's Message.....2022 & Beyond

I can't believe I am coming to the end of my term as your Potentate. What an honour and a pleasure it has been. I covered the first five months in my previous message in the Connection. With all the difficulties of the first five months the delays, the cancellations; the delay was the biggest issue. It piled every thing to later in the year. I finished my last message with a list of club visits and encouraging Ladies and Nobles to come along... Well, that went off the rails too. I had a medical procedure and true to form that didn't go as planned. I had to cancel all the spring visits. We were really looking forward to attending Imperial Sessions, had to pull the plug on that as well. I would have been traveling without insurance and that was too great a risk.

We had a great Summer Ceremonial. We welcomed four new Shriners. We even had a mini parade. In true form, it rained. But we had a great time. From there on it was a blur. Pretty much every weekend we were on the road. Lots going on during the week as well. We only spent four weekends at our cottage.



In August we attended the Hospital Seminar in Montreal. It was extremely productive. We gained a lot knowledge. It was an opportunity to hear about the advancements being made. The Canadian Hospital is a Centre of Excellence for scoliosis and brittle bone disease and well advanced in all areas in orthopedics. It is the leading Shrine Hospital for research. A patient guardian addressed the seminar and of course a Mazol patient addressed the group. She had a very touching story. We had a tour of the hospital. What an amazing facility. If you are going to be in Montreal, it is well worth staying an extra night to have a tour. You need to book it in advance.

While on the topic, I want to thank Ill. Sir Roger Tinkham for his ten years as a member of the Board of Governors. The mention of Roger's name draws smiles. Ill. Sir Paul Rose was recommended to the Divan by an independent Committee. Unanimous approval was given by the Divan. This takes several more reviews before final approval is

given. This is a lengthy process. The Mazol Committee was set up by Ill. Sir Gerry Budden. The final sets of approval are done at the Trustee Level and Imperial. Temples do not automatically get a seat.

There are more Temples than seats. A hardy congratulations to Ill. Sir Paul. Well deserved. His appointment is for three years with an option for reappointment for an additional two terms.

Labour Day Weekend is our visit to the H. W. Duffett Shriners RV Park. A wonderful weekend. Only one member of the Divan could not attend. We were joined by Noble Jim Radford, Chief Aide and Lady Judy As well as Ill. Sir Paul Rose, Director General and Lady Sharon. We were presented with two amounts for the PTF that totaled over \$13,000. These funds were raised for the most part by non shriners. The following weekend an additional \$7000 was raised from a concert.

The Park has had its most successful year yet. Although I know roughly what the total proceeds from the park will be turned over to the Charitable Trust. That comes later. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated Board operating the park. Thank you.



The majority of the Club visits were held in the Fall this year due to my bout with the health care system in the spring. A great big thank you to each and everyone for going all out to support us and make the visits most enjoyable. One of the highlights is meeting with the Nobles and talking about challenges and our successes

We tried to “put on a show” for the St. John’s Santa Claus Parade, but weather got in the way. The parade went ahead the following Sunday. None of our “out of town” units could attend as they had events in their own communities. The Divan was visiting the Boot. We were well represented by our stalwarts, the Shrine Band and the Keystone Kops. Maybe next year...

Our December 10 Stated Meeting was low in attendance. Many factors came into play. We were joined by Zoom from Boot, Lewisporte and Lake Melville. There was excellent discussion and it was an historic meeting.

Our PTF is currently in a very healthy position. There are a number of factors: Our support from the Clubs has been excellent. We had number of un-budgeted contributions. Our immemorial donations are up. We have a surplus carried over from Covid times when there was reduced patient travel.

We were active. We had a total of 50 patient visits. We are now benefitting from the Air Canada Foundation. The result is that we are only paying taxes and airport fees. We have examples of what would be \$2400 cost without the points, showing a savings of over \$2000.

The Hospital had identified on their Capital list the need for a Cardiac Monitor. This is a very legit PTF expenditure. At the December meeting the Nobles approved the purchase of this equipment in the amount of \$135,945. There will be three clubs contributing \$20,000 each to be received in 2023.

For many years the Nobles of Karnak Shriners in Montreal have been picking up our patients at the Airport then transporting them between the hotel, the hospital and the airport. This year their old van died and in discussion with their Potentate, I discovered they were spending so much time transporting other Temple patients, they weren’t doing much for their own patients. Since joining the Divan, I have heard from so many patients and guarding’s about what stress reliever knowing that there was someone in a Fez going to meet them. Then the relationship grows. Mike from Karnak tells me how much he loves Mazol patients. He gets emails from them letting him know when they are coming again. A patient last week told me he loves going to Montreal as he feels the love from the first pickup at the airport. The love from staff at the hospital. To sometimes an emotional “see you next time” at the Airport.

Well, the Nobles of Mazol in true NL style, approved to provide funding for Karnak Shriners to purchase a second accessibility van for transporting patients. The estimate for van purchase and conversion is \$90,000. Well done Nobles well done. This will help parents and children from all across the Canadian hospital catchment area.

We finished up the 2022 calendar with The Shrine Children’s Party. What an emotional event. To see the faces of our patients, their siblings as well children and great grand children, friend’s etc. Next year please make an effort to attend. It will recharge your batteries. You’ll see what it is all about. Thank you so much Santa, Noble Gerry Young. The Ladies of the Sabre were amazing. There are many I want to mention however, where do I stop and don’t leave anyone out? You brought a smile to children and parents and tears to some of us old Shriners.

December 10 was also the time for our annual election for the Divan and Imperial Representatives. Yours truly was elected to once again serve as Potentate.

Noble Lloyd Collins as Chief Rabban

Noble Laurence Pike as Assistant Rabban

Noble Bill Kennedy as High Priest and Prophet

Welcome to the Divan, Noble Wayde Lynch from Lake Melville Shrine Club

Noble Michael Bruce as Treasurer

Ill. Sir Bill Smith as Recorder
Imperial Representatives, Ill. Sir William Radford and Noble Lloyd Collins.

The Installation will be January 20-21 2023

Most events at the Capital Hotel, Kenmount Road. A block of rooms is booked at \$114 plus taxes. You need to call the Hotel Direct at (709) 738 4480

January 20 at MSC

-Potentate Elect Night

January 21 at the Capital

Morning:

-Stated Meeting, Annual Reports

-Budget Approval

-Swearing in of Divan

- Ladies Luncheon

Afternoon:

-Public Installation

Evening:

-Formal Dinner and Reception

More details will come as a separate document.

So, this started out as my final greeting. It is for 2022. Thank you so much Ill. Sirs and Nobles for the confidence you have shown me and the Divan as well as your support. Thank you to the Ladies of Mazol who are often tasked with poking their Nobles to keep moving forward. The Divan all have a united plan to reshape Mazol into what it needs to be to grow and prosper into the future



Your support this year has shown Mazol is ready to face the next forty+ years.

Thank you to our employees. They are beyond employees. They care so much about the cause and the children. Thank you every Noble, Lady, supporter and donor. Thank you to the Divan and Divan Ladies.

I want to thank my family. Sorry Virginia we were gone so much and now we are going to do it again. This time hopefully it will be spread out over twelve months.

Most importantly Lady Beverley, Thank you! There have been many times you should have said, “are you out of your mind”? After over a half a century of volunteering together, you know the answer is yes.

On behalf of Lady Beverley and myself, Love to all, season's greetings and happy new year.

Mazol - The place to be in '23

Mazol Children's Christmas Party

On December 18th. the Mazol Shrine Centre hosted a party for shrine children and their families. Santa flew in from the North Pole, and gave out presents to children , of all ages. The Ladies of the Sabre did a sensational job organizing the party and co-ordinating the afternoon's activities.

The Mazol Kitchen Crew cooked up a meal of their finest hot dogs, topped off by refreshments and servings of ice cream for all. Music for the party was supplied by Noble Tom Power, on the keyboard.



Throughout the afternoon long lines of children waited patiently for face painting and balloon artistry. It was a great

Party, enjoyed by upwards to the 100 attendees.



Mazol Shrine Centre Report 2022

The Mazol Shrine Centre is beginning to see a tiny light at the end of the tunnel . We undertook a Facebook advertising campaign that has certainly seemed to be successful as the number of Bingo patrons are steadily increasing and continue to support our efforts. Week after week the Nobles and Ladies continue to provide much needed support. THANK YOU

Your Shrine Centre was fully booked for November and December almost fully rented in October with all of the other months showing much improved bookings. We are always looking for daytime rentals via the business community for training, session planning etc. Early in the new year we will begin another Facebook advertising campaign that will focus on the Mazol Shrine Centre and increasing our rental revenue.



All things are looking favorable with respect to rentals. As with everything these days inflation has impacted

our financial position . The cost of heating oil through the roof, all other expenses steadily increasing have been difficult to say the least. We must keep a steady hand on the tiller as we navigate through these trying times. Your Mazol Shrine Centre Board of Directors are committed to this task.

Sandy Moyles , our manager, and events coordinator is one valuable lady who keeps things running smoothly in a very positive and upbeat way. The entire board would like to thank Sandy for her tireless efforts and wish her a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To all the Nobility and Ladies your support is invaluable Merry Christmas and a Happy , Prosperous New Year.

A Great Partnership !



Mazol Shriners continue to be the charity of choice for the Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association . Our Nobles were out in force at the Boots and Buckles Charity Concert Night at the NLCA's 2022 Annual Conference held at the Delta St. John's Hotel in October.



Proceeds from the evening, as well as those raised through online podcasts, were donated to Mazol. This year's contribution brings the total funds raised from our partnership with the NLCA to almost \$430,000.00 since its inception in 2008 thanks to Illustrious Sir John Brake.

Message from Lady Paula Dingle President Ladies of the Sabre

Nobles and Ladies

It seems like we blink and time flies by. The past couple of years have been very trying and difficult for most of us . We have all endured this pandemic in different ways for sure , some of us with sickness others with the loss of a loved one . It seems as we are finally seeing the end of the worst of this and we are able to move on with this new normal we have had to become accustomed to .

The Ladies of the Sabre have tried to continue to do



some of the fundraising we do to help our Nobles both financially and supportively in all they do for our Shriners children . Our recent Christmas Tea that we were able to put off with no restrictions was a huge success and we hope to be able to continue doing this going forward .

Our most precious Shriners children are the reason we all do what we do and will continue to do together to ensure they receive all the medical care as well as love and support they need .

On behalf of all the ladies of the Sabre I would like to wish you all and your families a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year Hoping to see you at the Annual Potentates Installation in January

Paula Dingle
President , Ladies of the Sabre

Telemedicine Labrador

November 4, 2022, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada and the Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority celebrated the signature of a telehealth agreement, allowing duly credentialed Canada Shriners Hospital physicians to follow up with existing patients via virtual care services in Northern Newfoundland and all of Labrador. Brittany, who has been followed at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada since 2013, and her parents were very grateful for this news as travelling to Montreal for follow-ups required a minimum of 4 days away from school and work.



The Mazol Shriners of Newfoundland and Labrador were equally thrilled to be able to provide some care closer to home with the help of local facilities, stretching transportation dollars even further. Heather Brown, CEO of the Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority, shared that both healthcare establishments align in their vision to offer the best care possible closer to home and that this agreement makes this a reality for children and families in the region.

MHA Perry Trimper congratulated all involved for taking a leadership role and working together towards this agreement which will allow Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada healthcare professionals to have access to 20 locations across the Regional Health Authority at no cost.

All agreed that this is only the beginning of collaborations.

Thank you Ill Sir Lester Bowering



On November 17th, a special cheque presentation took place in Montreal at Shriners Children's Hospital on behalf of Illustrious Sir Lester Bowering. The cheque for \$1000.00 was from the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada. It is in recognition of Illustrious Sir Lester being awarded the John Ross Matheson Award for his continued commitment to the community, country and mankind.

The award comes with a bursary to be awarded to the charity of the recipient's choice. Illustrious Sir Lester chose our Montreal Hospital as the recipient of this honour.

Season's Greetings from

The Harold W. Duffett Shrine RV Park



This past camping season was a very successful one for our Park. Excellent weather contributed to an increase in occupancy. Over 14,000 of our 19,000 site nights were sold resulting in an overall contribution of \$68,500 to the Charitable Trust.

Work started in mid March on the last phase of electrical metering with the final installation and testing completed by the end of March. On April 1st we began the upgrading of our playground including a wet water station, a large playhouse, and perimeter fencing. Parents and children were delighted with the changes. Special thanks to the Park Ladies Shrine Auxiliary for their contribution of \$7000.00 towards this project. In August we started the construction of a walking trail at the upper end of the Park. This is another great addition to our amenities.

Activities for the campers started on the May 24th weekend with a meet and greet at the Rec Hall where fun and fellowship was the topic on everyone's mind. Canada Day celebrations were hosted by the Park and featured a parade around the Park, hotdogs and games for all ages.

Labor Day weekend saw the official visit of our Potentate and Divan. III Sir William Radford and Lady Beverley, along with his Divan and their Ladies were welcomed on Friday evening along with special guest, Shrine patient Alex accompanied by his mother Bev Shepard. A meet and greet was held at the Rec Center to a full house of attendees. On Saturday morning, members of the Divan and their ladies attended our weekly coffee, and did a tour of the Park. In the afternoon III Sir Bill and his Divan once again greeted seasonal patron Wayne Hounsell accompanied with Jake Weymouth and Bob Baggs for Wayne's annual bike ride to the Park. Their efforts this year raised in excess of \$8600.00 for the PTF, a tremendous achievement! The weekend visitation concluded with the usual gospel sing on Sunday morning.

On September 10th Walter Pinsent hosted the 11th Annual Shrine Benefit Concert at the Beaches Arts and Heritage Theatre Centre. As in previous years, the event was a terrific success. Approximately \$6500.00 was raised and was accepted by Noble Lawrence Pike for the PTF. Thank you Noble Walter and Lady Norma and to all others, who each year, come forward to help in making this event a success.

I would like to conclude this report by recognizing the people who made 2022 such a success. Thank you to all the Park patrons who helped raise money for the Patient Travel Fund. You are all Shrine Ambassadors who through your efforts organized bake sales, concerts, the beautification of the Park, knitting and craft projects. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the special team of Paula and Wayne Cross, who once again showed their devotion to the Park with their Management skills. THANK YOU and Well done!

On behalf of all members of the Park Board and their Ladies we wish all Nobles, their Ladies and families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Noble Kevin Butt
President Park Board

Labrador Visitation

III Sir Bill Radford, AR Lloyd Collins, HPP Laurence Pike and their ladies enjoyed a great weekend of hospitality at the Lake Melville visitation in November. The weekend kicked off with a reception at Polaris Lodge on Friday night with the Nobles and Ladies enjoying some wonderful food and conversation. On Saturday, the Club provided a soup and sandwich lunch before the ladies enjoyed a tour of the area and a visit to the Labrador Museum at North West River. The potentate and divan members present met with the nobles for an open discussion where topics of importance were addressed and nobles were provided the opportunity to "Ask the Divan". The meeting was enjoyed by all in attendance.

On Saturday night we were treated to a banquet with nobles and brethren, their ladies, and special guests Ms. Heather

Brown, CEO Lab Grenfell Health and her spouse, Nelson Brown; I'll Sir Peter Rippstein, Chair of the Board - Shriners Canadian Hospital, and; Ms. Emmanuelle Rondeau, Director ..., Shriners Canadian Hospital, in attendance. Noble Dion Gilliam and his good lady prepared an excellent meal of prime rib roast with all the usual trimmings. The bake apple cheesecake was a big hit!

Before departing on Sunday we were treated to an excellent brunch with Lake Melville MHA, Perry Trimper in attendance. Mr. Trimper offered his congratulations on the signing of the agreement between Shriners Canadian Hospital and Labrador Grenfell Health and thanked the Lake Melville Shrine Club for their contribution to the community.

The visit was a great time of fun and fellowship and highlighted the good work being done by our Canadian Hospital and its partners and also the prominence of the Club in the community.

Looking forward to returning in 2023



Lewisporte/ Gander Visitation



On the weekend of October 14/15 Illustrious Sir Bill Radford and the Divan visited the Shrine Clubs in Lewisporte and Gander. On Friday the 14th. the Potentate met with members of the Lewisporte Club at the Masonic Lodge. This was followed by a well attended dinner for Lewisporte Nobles, their Ladies and the Divan at the Brittany Inn. It was a most enjoyable meal which saw a cheque presentation to the Potentate in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Shrine operations. The dinner was followed by hospitality at Islands Villa hosted by Illustrious Sir Bill. Even the weatherman was a Shriner that night, as we struck an evening with July-like weather, making our stay all that much more memorable.

The next day it was on to Gander , where the Divan was to initiate a new Noble and to meet a very special young lady whose fundraising efforts have been truly phenomenal.

On Saturday afternoon the Potentate presided over the initiation of Keith Pike - as a member of the Gander Shrine Club. That evening Noble Pike and his Lady Gail joined members of the Gander Club for a tasty dinner at the Masonic Lodge prepared and served by the Nobles. One of the evening's highlights saw Noble Keith fezzed by Lady Gail . In addition to this ceremony we were all thrilled to welcome Miss Jayla Harris from Springdale who for the past

two years has been the leading fundraiser in the Junior Miss NL Pageant, which since 2018 has contributed over \$40,000.00 to Mazol.

The dinner concluded with a cheque presentation in the amount of \$11,000.00 from the Gander Club to the Potentate. Later that evening Illustrious Sir Bill hosted Club members and their Ladies at his suite at the Albatross Hotel.



Clarendville Visitation

On May 6 th. the Potentate Ill Sir Bill Radford and Lady Beverly visited the Clarendville. 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. Clarendville Shriners showed up in force, with most members and their Ladies attending. Discussions that evening largely focused on effective communication and the need for improvements in this area.

The Potentate also took the opportunity to promote the upcoming Leadership Seminar, June 25th. In Gander. All in all it was a an enjoyable evening of good fellowship



Oriental Band Report

It was another successful year for the Oriental Band as it participated in a rainy Summer Ceremonial Parade in Masonic Park in August, as well as the Annual St. John's Downtown Santa Claus Parade in December. Plans to continue participation in the Portugal Cove St. Phillips had to be changed due to weather. Again in 2022 the Band was unable to hold its annual flipper dinner fundraiser in May.

Lingering concerns over COVID, combined with a declining demand led to this decision. In 2023 other fundraising options will be addressed. Closing out the year, members and their ladies enjoyed a roast beef dinner, and an evening of fun and entertainment at the MSC. Moving into 2023 the Band will out in full force as part of Mazol's Installation weekend at the Holiday Inn in January.

Interest and enthusiasm within the Band continues to be high, and additional new members are always welcome, irrespective of one's musical talent.



NSA 2022 Bangor Maine



Junior Miss Pageant 2022

During the Potentate's Visit to the Trinity Conception Shrine Club in November, Mazol was again this year presented with a cheque from the Junior Miss Newfoundland and Labrador Pageant. This year the Pageant contestants raised a total of \$15,000 for Mazol's PTF, bringing the total contribution since 2018 to over \$40,000.00.

Left to right are Ill Sir Bill. Sabrina Jenkins. Abriana Ryan one of the top four fundraisers. Sara Cummings Junior Miss NL. Howard Smith IPP TC Club.



Thank you Ill Sir Roger !

We all know Ill. Sir Roger Tinkham has been our Board of Governors representative at the Montreal Hospital for the past ten years. Being recognized by the Imperial Potentate and elected an Emeritus Member of the Canadian Board of Governors by the International Board of Trustees is a major event. It has only happened once before in Mazol history and that was a similar appointment to Ill. Sir Lester Bowering prior to Rogers appointment to the board. I'm sure all of Mazol joins in congratulating Ill. Sir Roger and say a big thank you for as job well done.

In the meantime, it was announced at December's Stated Meeting that Illustrious Sir Paul Rose has been appointed to the Board of Governors of our Montreal Hospital. Paul looks forward to joining the Board in January and admits that he has very big shoes to fill with Roger's departure.



Left to Right:
 Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein, Montreal Board Chair
 Ill. Sir Kenny Craven, Imperial Potentate
 Ill. Sir Roger Tinkham, Mazol Shriners
 Ill. Sir Jerry Gantt, Chair Board of Trustees
 Ill. Sir Leslie Stewart, Board of Trustees

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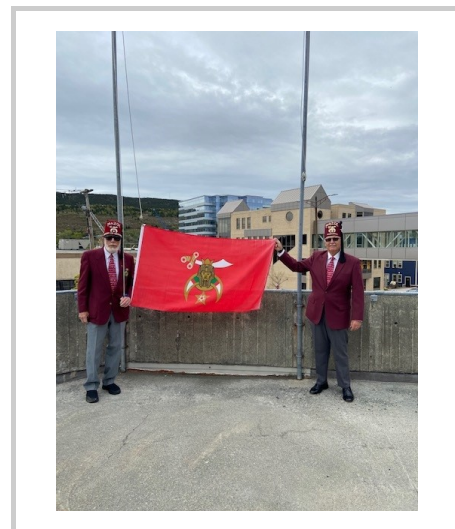
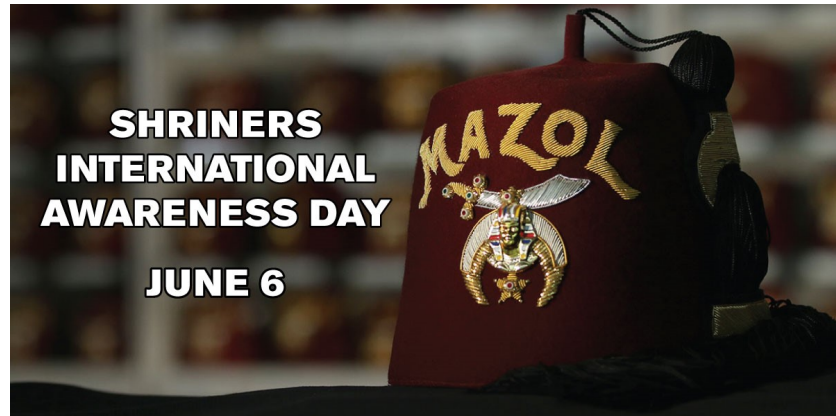


Cheque Presentations





International Awareness Day is June 6

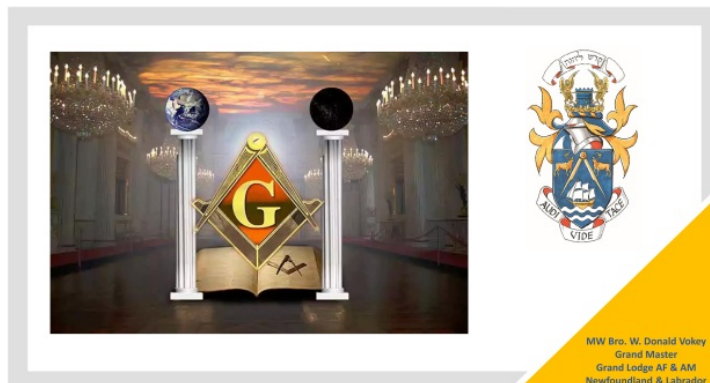


Message from Grand Lodge of NL

Brethren,

The holiday season is fast approaching and, as such, I want to bring you warmest fraternal Christmas Greetings on behalf of your Grand Lodge. This Christmas is extra special for me, as I hope it will be for all of you. The past couple of Christmases have been challenging for many of us as we struggled with the lingering effects of the pandemic.

I truly hope that we have weathered the worst of that storm and that this Christmas will find us surrounded by friends and loved ones in a more relaxed and comfortable setting.



MW Bro. W. Donald Vokey
Grand Master
Grand Lodge AF & AM
Newfoundland & Labrador

As we gather around the table during this Christmas season, it is my wish that we all take an extra moment to think about those who have struggled through hardships and sorrow this past year. Whether it be through the loss of a loved one, or personal hardship caused by storm damage, or even the stresses resulting from the downturn in the economy, this past year has created

many challenges. A kind word, a phone call to say hello, or an invitation to dinner, can often make all the difference to someone less fortunate than ourselves.

This Christmas will hopefully be one filled with joy and laughter, peace and harmony, and love and contentment for you and your families. Please let it also be one filled with compassion and caring for our fellow human beings. As Freemasons, we are known to be generous, sympathetic, and kind. Let us reflect on that knowledge as we celebrate Christmas this year with our friends and loved ones. Let us remember the less fortunate and think of new ways we may be able to help them. By doing so, we will continue to cement and adorn those tenets of Freemasonry we have all come to cherish.

On behalf of my wife, Pauline, my entire family and the entire Masonic family of our Grand Lodge, I wish you and yours a most joyous and happy Christmas and a prosperous, rewarding and fruitful New Year.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
Don
Grand Master

Christmas Greetings from the District Grand Master Newfoundland & Labrador, GLOS

Greetings Brethren,

As we move towards the end of 2022, it is my honour and pleasure to extend to you and your families Christmas Greetings.

This past year has indeed been a momentous year for the Fraternity at large. After many months of restrictions having been imposed due to the Pandemic, we had at long last been able to enjoy many of the things associated with this great Fraternity that we had sorely missed over the past two years. Lodges have been reopened, meetings have been held, Lodge installations have taken place, we have welcomed new candidates into our midst and equally important we have been able to enjoy renewed fellowship.

The Christmas Season is a time to spread happiness and joy as we celebrate all that Christmas means to each of us individually. The joy and excitement of young and old alike is something to be cherished during this festive time as would be the satisfaction of knowing that we had assisted someone in need by participating in a local food bank, charity, or simply offering a helping hand or kind word. It is also a time for reflection upon our blessings and for renewed optimism for the New Year.

From our Family to yours, Heather and I look forward to your friendship in 2023 and sincerely wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

Warren Dinham



Craft Fairs as a Fundraiser

On Sunday, November 27th, the Mazol Shrine Centre(MSC) was the site of the St. John's Shrine Club's Annual Christmas Craft Fair, which featured 40 vendors selling a variety of products from trinkets to clothing. All vendors paid a set fee for their booth space, and general admission was also charged all visitors. This event was the 12th Fair organized and managed by Lady Brenda Pike since 2017. Brenda is assisted in all these events by Tina Murrins, Noble Brandon Pike's mother-in-law. Over that time she estimates that approximately \$20,000 has been raised. The beneficiaries of these events have included Mazol, Lodge St. Andrew, and most recently the St. John's Shrine Club. This article aims to promote the value of Craft Fairs as a viable option for our Clubs to consider for fundraising.

In my conversation with Brenda she stressed the importance of having a recognized charitable organization as the benefactor of a Craft Fair. The Shrine and its focus on helping children, is a perfect example. She credits her success with maintaining a core group of vendors who are very much aware that their participation helps Shriners do what they do best. Items sold are usually homemade by local vendors. Lately she is seeing vendor interest from other parts of the Province, which is a very positive development going forward.



Most of Brenda's Fairs attract over 200 attendees. If it's a Mazol or St. John's Shrine Club event she can't stress enough the importance of having Shriners on site wearing their Fez. It reinforces the reason for a Fair, and goes a long way in maintaining a solid vendor base as well as returning customers for future events. Another success factor is having hot and cold food available on site as it's valued by vendors and customers alike. And of course, these events allow a Club to sell 50/50 tickets, as well as tickets for seasonal activities and events.

Brenda realizes the importance of helping young peoples' organizations, and challenged individuals, so she will provide them booth space free of charge to promote their cause or merchandise.

Some ideas that came about during this interview dealt with opportunities in Central NL for a joint effort involving Lewisporte and Gander, in addition to a possible event in Marystown, Corner Brook, etc., all drawing on the craft producers in the respective Club's territory.

All in all, Craft Fairs, properly organized and managed can be great fundraisers. Brenda has indicated that she'd be pleased to discuss the do's and don't's of Craft Fairs with interested Clubs, and share her experiences with them.

Don't be shy! Contact Brenda Pike at 709-764-8571 / 709-368-3645 or by email at davepike@hotmail.com.



St. John's Shrine Club
Annual Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday Nov 27th, 2022
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: 530 Topsail Road
(Mazol Shrine Center)

Canteen on Site
Plenty of Parking

40 Local Vendors

50/50 Draw

Canteen Service

1st 100 people to visit will be entered in a surprise draw.
Please come out and support the Shriners.

Admission: \$2.00
Children under 12 are free

Santa Claus Parades







The Boot Shrine Club



The Boot Shrine Club presented its scholarships for levels I, II, and III at its Installation/awards banquet on December 3rd.

Left to right

Noble Gerald Mayo, Jack Moulton, Abby Farrell-Powell, Brooklyn Kelly, Emily Lockyer, and Noble Harold Matthews.

Noble Harold Matthews presented the scholarships with explanation of origin of awards and offered sincere congratulations and best wishes for the future on behalf of the Boot Shrine Club:

Jack Moulton and Abby Farrell-Powell cowinners of Level I award.
Brooklyn Kelly winner of Level II award.
Emily Lockyer winner of Level III award

Noble Mayo presented 100 million dollar club certificates to each scholarship recipient and explained the meaning and importance of the award.

Students were impressed by both presentations and the present Level II and III students are looking forward to applying next year.

From the Desk of the Editor

As we close out 2022 and look forward to the New Year, I hope all our Nobles and Ladies are able to take time and enjoy the magic of the Christmas Season. We've endured yet another COVID impacted year, but kudos to all for continuing to do what we do best... helping our Shrine Children. Nonetheless Mazol has an aging membership and all of us must put new member recruitment at the top of our to do list. I am encouraged to hear of Illustrious Sir Bill's plan to increase our marketing budget. This is critical to help our Clubs spread the message in their regions.

Finally, there are a few people I would like to thank for their tireless efforts in producing the Mazol Connection. A big thank-you to Karen Finn, Lady Sharon Rose, Nobles Gary Higgins and Dave Reeves, as well as to

everyone who took the time to write articles and send along their pictures to me. Let's continue the good work in 2023.

Lady Sharon and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ill Sir Paul Rose
Editor



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