



The Mazol Connection

Summer edition,
2023



Message from Ill Sir William Radford

Well, I'm halfway through the second term and this has already been an eventful year.

Firstly, I need to apologize, as this edition of the Connection was ready to go but waiting on my message. I am currently attending Imperial Sessions in Charlotte, North Carolina. Prior to getting here, things were unbelievably busy. I was planning on reporting on some of the very significant changes in Shrine Legislation. However, the most significant item was defeated on the floor in Charlotte. But lo and behold there was a notice of motion to reconsider. There is a motion on the call to double the Per capita Tax from \$30 US to \$60. I will address that in a later communication to the membership.



So on with one very significant item. I have not seen other articles so there may be repetition. Mazol hosted, for the first time, a meeting of the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospital for Children Canada in May. We had a very productive meeting with two Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons from the Janeway. I am sure there will be a significant announcement coming on this. Collaboration has already started between our Doctors and the Janeway. They will be doing combined "Grand Rounds", as just an example. We had breakfast with Hon. Tom Osborne, Minister of Health. That went extremely well. We have entered into discussions on a partnership with the Janeway Children's Hospital where we could find ourselves being able to help with "in Province" transportation. Complex surgeries would be out of province. Much more to follow. This is Exciting news.

There remains the Summer Ceremonial. We already have five approved candidates to be inducted. We still have room for more. Ask a Mason, and tell them we're back and we are having fun again. We are doing amazing things for Newfoundland and Labrador children. We are happy to say that six counterpart Potentates will join us for the Ceremonial. We will host Dr. Rene St-Arnaud, Director of Research at Shriners Hospital for Children Canada. He will bring us exciting news about World leading research. We are also pleased to announce that Minister Osbourne has accepted our invitation to join us at the banquet.

To date, there are approximately 35 rooms booked at the Capital Hotel. The Hotel is close to being sold out. If you are still seeking a room, call 709 738 4480 direct. Say you are with the Shriners and They will do whatever they can. Ladies' Luncheon and the Banquet will be held at the Capital. Remember to contact Karen in the office to get your tickets. We will also be having a Parade at the Masonic Park again this summer.

On behalf of Lady Beverley and me, thank you for making Mazol - "the place to be in '23"!

YITF

Ill. Sir William Radford
Potentate

Ill. Sir William W. Smith Memorial Summer Ceremonial July 21-23 2023

Friday, July 21

Stated Meeting - Freemasons Hall (FMH) 5:30

PM

Meet & Greet - MSC 8:00 PM

Saturday, July 22

First Section - Freemasons Hall --FMH 10:00

AM

Second Section - Freemasons Hall ---FMH

11:30 AM

Ladies Luncheon - Capital Hotel 11:30 AM

Parade - Masonic Park 2:00 PM

Banquet - Capital Hotel 7:00 PM



Rooms available at **Capital Hotel** are \$124 per night + tax.

You must book directly with The Capital Hotel by calling 709 738 4480 and advise them you are with the Shriners. If booking online or an 800 number you will be told there is no availability.

Ladies Luncheon and Banquet reservations can be made by calling Karen in the office, 364-1591.

Also please let Karen know if you are planning to attend the Meet and Greet Friday night. Please share this information with Club members etc.

The Chief Rabban Report

Es Selamu Aleikum

2023 has been busy so far, in fact, it is half over! We have been busy with the business of the Temple, having visited Clarendville, The Boot, and Lewisporte Shrine Clubs locally, and Karnak and Tunis Shrine Temples in Montreal and Ottawa. Sadly, in March we laid our Recorder, Illustrious Sir William Smith, to rest. I know all Nobles join me in expressing our condolences to his children, their families, and Lady Betty. We also thank them for sharing him with us and assure them that they remain part of our Shrine family as well.



At our recent Stated Meeting we elected Illustrious Sir Rolly Card as our new Recorder. I wish Rolly all the best and am pledged to support him as he works on our behalf.

In a few short days Lady Ruth and I will accompany our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Bill Radford, and his Lady Beverley to the Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sadly, as a result of our declining enrolment, Lady Ruth I will not be official representatives of Mazol. Illustrious Sir Bill will be presenting an item on the Call to amend the bylaws of Shriners International to allow Temples with less than 300 members to retain their second elected representative. Your Divan has lobbied our counterparts in other Temples to garner support for this initiative and we are hopeful that it will succeed.

The issue of our registered membership numbers has caused some concern, discussion and thought within your Divan. I believe we must plan to address this issue by working in harmony with our Grand Lodge and District Grand Lodge. Shriners International has developed a Membership Growth and Retention Program called "Be a Shriner Now" that is available to Shrine Temples, Grand Lodges, and Lodges. These resources are proving

successful in other Temples and it is my intention to promote their use in our jurisdiction. Success in this area starts with an active and engaged Temple Membership Committee that is working collaboratively with the Clubs and Units under the Temple umbrella and reaching out to lodges. In my opinion, our Clubs can support this initiative by ensuring that the Nobles appointed by the Potentate as Camel Herders are engaged in attending Lodge meetings in their area and promoting the Shrine with their Brethren in the Lodges. One way to do this is by inviting Brethren and their ladies to attend Shrine Club social functions and to become Associate members prior to petitioning for membership. I saw this in action recently at the Boot Shrine Club where several Brethren and Ladies attended our Potentate's Visit. I also had a personal conversation with 2 Brethren from the Burin Peninsula who assured me that they would be seeking membership in Mazol, with a plan to be initiated at our Summer Ceremonial in Burin in 2024.

In closing, thank you to the Nobles and Ladies who have welcomed Lady Ruth and I on our visits to your Clubs. We look forward to meeting more of you as the year unfolds and also look forward to continuing to serve you.

YITF,
Noble Lloyd Collins
Chief Rabban

The Assistant Rabban Report



Greetings Fellow Nobles

I would like to take this opportunity to report on the Canadian Hospital Seminar that Lady Helen and I attended on April 25/26.

On Tuesday 25 April, the seminar began with greetings from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ill Sir Peter Rippstein. Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Shrine Hospitals also addressed the group with a talk on how the Trust works and how the Canadian Shriners Children Hospital is managed within that Trust.

Dr. Thierry Benaroch, Chief of Staff briefed us on the care that the Hospital is capable of giving to its patients. This brief was a real eye-opener for us, as we had no idea about the extent of care that is available at the hospital. Sports Medicine, Virtual Reality for pain management, Research, Rehabilitation and 3D printing of bone deformations, etc, are but a few.

We received a demonstration of The Dream Machine, which is a virtual reality program that relaxes and takes the patient's mind off the pain and stressful procedures. This procedure was developed by the hospital staff and is now being widely used in other children's hospitals across North America. The use of coloring books to educate children on the ailment that they have and educate other children on the acceptance of the ailment that their friends have. It should be noted that The Compass Shrine Club was instrumental in producing and distributing these coloring books.

Dr. Rene' St-Arnaud, Director of Research, gave a presentation on the research that is being done at the hospital. I was amazed at the progress that has been made in the field of genetics. Canadian Childrens Hospital is a world leader in using genetic testing to identify bone disorders and diagnoses. Most US Shrine Hospitals send their samples to the Canadian Children's Hospital for analysis. We were also fortunate enough to sit in on a Facetime interview with a little girl from Peru, Fatima. Fatima was treated for OI and has returned home to Peru. She now has her legs straightened and is progressing as any normal child would.

Lady Helen and I both consider our visit to the Canadian Shrine Children's Hospital as

the highlight of our Shrine Journey so far. The tour of the museum at the hospital reinforced the strides that have been made in children's rehabilitation over the years by the staff of the hospital. Looking back at treatments that were used fifty years ago and how they have progressed to date is a true testament to the work being done by our hospital.

I encourage all Nobles to make the effort to visit our hospital if the opportunity presents itself. Thank You Nobles for affording us the opportunity to witness the fine work being done by the Canadian Shriner's Children's Hospital. As Shriners, we should all be proud of the results of our labours.

Noble Laurence Pike
Assistant Rabban & Lady Helen



The Recorder's Report

This is my first opportunity to contribute to the Mazol Connection newsletter since being elected Mazol Temple Recorder at the recent Burin stated meeting.

First, I want to thank the nobility for giving me the privilege to be your Recorder and pledge to do my best to fulfill the duties required of the position.

I also want to say how much I respect and appreciate the great work of Ill Sir Bill Smith not just as a Shriner and recorder for our Temple but also as a great mason and supporter of his lodge and the craft. He will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.



By the time you read this the 1st half of 2023 will be done and we will be into summer. For the 2nd half of the year, I plan to participate in as many of our functions as possible including visitations and social events.

At the time of writing, Lady Helen and I are looking forward to meeting as many of you as can make it to our summer ceremony here in St. John's, at the end of July.

We also wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours in the faith

III Sir Rolly Card PP
Recorder

The Hospital Board of Governors Visit

Mazol was greatly honoured to be chosen to host a meeting of the Montreal Shriners Hospital Board of Governors. The Meeting is on May 18th. was the highlight of two days of outreach activities in the St. John's area.



On May 17, the Janeway Hospital was the focus of a relationship-building meeting involving Jacques Boissonneault, Hospital Administrator, and Emmanuelle Rondeau, Director of Business Development, from Shriners Montreal, as well as Illustrious Sirs Bill Radford and Paul Rose. Representing the Janeway were Doctors Heather Jackman and Megan Cashin. Discussions focused on opportunities for collaboration and cooperation in a variety of areas, and were driven by an ever-growing level of engagement between the Janeway and Shriners Montreal. The meeting was indeed a valuable initiative, with both sides agreeing to continue to build the relationships between our respective organizations. In the coming months, Montreal officials will be conducting a series of online meetings with senior management of Eastern Health as follow-up to this visit.

Later that day, Board Chair, Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein was joined by other Board members and the Hospital management team in a presentation and hospitality at the Mazol Shrine Centre involving the Nobility and the Ladies of the Sabre. The presentation focused on Vision 2035 and the new Canadian Shriners initiative. This event was followed by a meeting with the Divan, to reinforce and discuss priorities and challenges facing both the Hospital and Mazol.

The day concluded with a dinner at The Vu restaurant for our visitors from the Board and Hospital.

On Board Meeting day we were honoured to start the day by hosting a breakfast meeting with the Honourable Tom Osborne, Minister of Health. The meeting enabled the Hospital team and Board Chair to familiarize the Minister with Shriners Montreal Hospital and the potential seen for building a relationship with the Janeway and Eastern Health. The Minister was intrigued and specifically asked for a written follow-up to this meeting in order to enable him to engage the appropriate officials within his Department. All in all, this was seen as a very positive step forward.

The main event that day saw the hosting of the Hospital Board Meeting by Mazol. This meeting was one of four Board Meetings scheduled for 2023 outside Montreal. The meeting was held at the Alt Hotel and was conducted via Microsoft Teams involving all Board Members and Hospital staff, both on-site and across Canada. Illustrious Sir Bill Radford welcomed the participants and thanked the Chair for giving Mazol the opportunity to host the Board of Governors. The meeting followed the usual agenda of Hospital management presentations, as well as interactive discussions on current priorities and challenges facing the Hospital.

The meeting concluded late that afternoon. From all feedback, this two day initiative was a very worthwhile activity, and went a long way to strengthen our relationship with Shriners Canada.

III. Sir Paul Rose
Board of Governors



HW Duffett Shriners RV Park



The Shriners RV Park in Eastport opened for the season on May 15th. and saw many of our patrons returning to their RVs for another season.

The Victoria Day Weekend kicked off with a Friday night Meet and Greet. The evening drew a significant number of attendees and gave everyone the opportunity to see good friends they hadn't been with since last year.

Saturday morning saw the return of the popular weekly Coffee Club. A good number of Park campers attended and appreciated the chance to come together over a cup of coffee and chat about what was happening.

Sunday morning featured the Park's Gospel Singalong. As usual, there were quite a few of our patrons showcasing their musical and vocal talents for those in attendance.

In closing, the Park Board is working on a number of special events for the enjoyment of our many patrons and guests in 2023.

We hope that this camping season is an enjoyable one for all.

[Click here for more details](#) **Harold Duffet**



As previously reported The Mazol Shrine Centre is beginning to see a tiny light at the end of the tunnel. Bingo continues to see approximately 95 patrons every Wednesday night. A big THANK YOU to all the Nobles and Ladies who continue to support our efforts.

Your Shrine Centre has made it through the dead rental months of January, February and March. Sandy Moyles to work quite diligently to increase our rental base and at the time of writing this report the Centre is fully booked for the next two weekends and has many booking bookings rest of the Summer, Fall and December. We are always looking for daytime rentals via the business community for training, session planning etc.

Inflation has affected us, like everyone else, 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 all a wonderful sun-filled Summer

III. Lorne Warren, P.P.
Chair, MSC



Illustrious Sir Bill and Lady Beverley kicked off the in-Province schedule of Club Visits on May 5th. In Clarendville. The Potentate met with Club members prior to dinner to answer questions and discuss items of interest. The meeting was quite positive. The Club reported that their annual fundraiser was successful. In addition, there was a discussion on the condition of the Clarendville Club's Building, which will require some maintenance and repairs this year.

Following the meeting, there was a dinner at the Quality Inn consisting of either salmon or chicken. Following dinner the Potentate extended hospitality to the Club members and their Ladies in his suite. All in all, it was a most enjoyable visit and much appreciated by the Potentate, his Lady, and the Divan. The next day it was off to the Burin Peninsula for a combined Stated Meeting and Visit to the Boot Shrine Club.

The Stated Meeting was held at Hiram Lodge and started promptly at 2:00 pm. The highlight of the meeting was the election of the Illustrious Sir Rolly Card to the position of Recorder. He replaces Illustrious Sir Bill Smith who sadly passed on March 19th.

The evening saw the Potentate and his delegation join the Boot Nobles and Ladies for the annual surf and turf dinner. Also that evening there were cheque presentations to the Potentate from the Compass Club, Trinity Conception and the Boot Shrines. Following dinner, there was hospitality extended by the Potentate at his suite in the Marystown Hotel.

On the weekend of May 12-14 Illustrious Sir Bill and Lady Beverley, along with Chief Rabban Lloyd Collins and Lady Ruth, traveled to Karnak Shriners annual Potentate's Weekend held this year in conjunction with Cairo and Mount Sinai Temples of Vermont. Activities took place at Hotel La Cache on beautiful Lake Champlain in Venise, Quebec, and brought together Shriners and Ladies from Vermont, Quebec, and other Temples in the Northeast. As is tradition, Karnak Potentate Illustrious Sir Ron Coderre installed the visiting Potentates as Honourary members of Karnak Shrines. This was probably the best opportunity in 2023 for building relationships with our counterparts within the Northeast Shrine network.

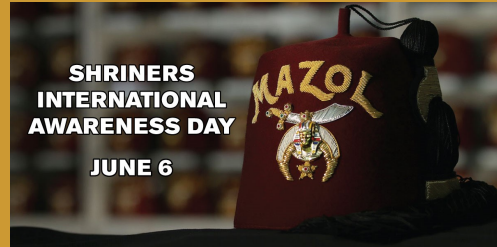
On May 27 th. Illustrious Sir Bill, Lady Beverley, and the Divan traveled to Lewisporte for the annual visit to the Lewisporte Shrine Club. The Potentate met with Club Nobles in the afternoon. Discussions were engaging and well-received by Club members. Following the meeting, the group moved on to Woolfrey's Pond Park Chalet for a lobster and steak dinner. The evening was most enjoyable and was followed by hospitality with the Potentate at Island's Villa Hotel.

On the weekend of June 2-4 the Potentate accompanied by the Chief Rabban, and their Ladies, participated in the annual visit to Tunis Shriners in Ottawa. The event was attended by Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven and Lady Jennifer. The highlight of the weekend was the annual wreath-laying by the Tunis Legion of Honour at the National War Memorial on June 3rd. Tunis Potentate Adam Thompson and his team hosted a most enjoyable weekend of fun and fellowship which was enjoyed by all.





Shriners International Awareness Day June 6th



Shriner of the Year

The Shriner of the Year Award for 2022 was presented to Noble Walter S. Pinsent during the dinner at the Potentate's Installation in January.



Noble Walt was born in New Harbour, T.B., and educated in Buchans. Upon graduation he joined the RCMP, where he enjoyed a distinguished career until retiring in 1985.

Today Noble Walt resides in Eastport, where he is very active, and a leader in the area's Arts and Heritage community. He started the Shiner's Appreciation Night at

the Beaches Centre in 2011, which has raised over \$80,000 for the PTF.

Noble Walt is also a recipient of the Governor General's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

His nomination for Shiner of the Year was made by the Chairman and Members of the RV Park Board.

Congratulations Noble Walter S. Pinsent for your outstanding service and dedication.

Bay Wheels Car Show



Sunday, June 4, several of our Nobles from our Trinity Conception Shrine Club, Keystone Kops Unit attended the Bay Wheels Car show as an awareness venture.

Special thanks to Noble Randy Smith who picked up the trailer with 2 of our cars and a bike from Mazol Shriners Center so we would have further awareness at the site, both kids and adults love to visit us, have pictures taken, and some ever give us a donation.

The show sponsored by the Cupids Orange Lodge has again this year offered their support to our club in the form a donation which will be presented at a special meeting at their club with

media in attendance. Again this year the public donated a sum of \$368.00 to our cause. We had a visit from our very own Trinity Conception Miss Teen, who had her picture taken with her parents and our cars, NOSES INCLUDED.

Miss Teen Pagnet has been a very supportive group of young ladies who have donated to our cause and the past year. It's heartwarming to know that our cause is supported by the youth in our communities.

The Trinity Conception TV Bingo started up again on June 7 and I am sure this will be a major success this year as in past years.

Ted Diamond

President, TC Shrine Club



Note from the Editor



I am happy to publish this summer edition of the Mazol Connection. Shrine activities and events are happening and being planned with our usual spirit of enthusiasm and dedication. Thanks to the continued support from our Clubs and a strong relationship with Air Canada, the level of patient activity is the highest it's been in years. All in all, the future looks bright for Mazol and our patients in Newfoundland and Labrador.

This issue of the Connection covers the period from January to July 2023. We continue to cover a wide variety of Shrine activities. But we are always looking for new material to include in this online publication. Please keep this request in mind as members of your respective Clubs and

send along any news of interest.

In closing I would like to recognize our Marketing and Public Relations Committee for their efforts this year, Thanks to Karen Finn, Lady Sharon Rose, and Noble Dave Reeves.

YITF

III. Paul Rose, P.P.

Chair, Public Relations

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