# Mazol Connection June 2024





## MESSAGE FROM ILL SIR LLOYD COLLINS

Greetings Nobles,

It is hard to believe that, as I write this report, the first half of 2024 is drawing to a close, and summer is upon us! Time flies when you are having fun.

The year began with our installation in January that was a highlight for the Temple. It was wonderful to see a revitalized Mazol Patrol, Oriental Band, and Ceremonial Divan create a pageant for all present. We enjoyed a weekend of great fellowship, food, and laughter with Nobles and Ladies from all over our province. I was especially pleased to receive MW Bro. Donald Vokey and Lady Pauline and Bro. Warren Dinham and Lady Heather as our guests. Our Temple



needs the support and cooperation of the Grand Lodge of NL and the District GL to grow, and we are cultivating these crucial relationships this year.

Later in January, Lady Ruth and I were warmly received at Robert Burns Night. It was our pleasure to share the head table with Bro. Dinham, MWB Vokey, and their ladies. It was indeed an evening of profit and pleasure and I got to model my MacLeod bow tie and sample the haggis. The piping and the tribute to the haggis were particularly enjoyable!

The month of February featured a virtual ceremonial in which 15 candidates were obligated and a training session for our Club Presidents and Secretaries. The day was a success and we received significant positive feedback. We will make these training and discussion a priority this year and beyond as club officers must know what is happening and the processes that we are obligated to follow with reports, etc. Education and training

create efficiency and shared information stamps out misinformation! In March, Noble Laurence Pike and I were welcomed at Lodge Northcliffe in Grand Falls-Windsor and given the opportunity to discuss the work of the Shrine with the brethren. I want to especially thank Bro. Mercer, RWM, and his officers for the warm welcome.

It is important for Shriners to be visible and active in our lodges and I encourage all of you to attend regularly, take an office and support your lodges.

In April Noble Pike and I attended the Northeast Shrine Association meetings in Kingston, ON. Our association is in great shape, and we are eagerly anticipating an enjoyable time in September at the NSA Fall Field Days. We have held 6 rooms for Mazol and any noble and his Lady who would like to attend can accompany us. If you are interested drop me a line.

We have now begun our Club visits for the year. We visited the Boot Shrine Club on May 4th and thoroughly enjoyed the meal and fellowship. The highlight of the evening was the presentation by our patients' mother. To hear such an eloquent expression of gratitude and see the difference we have made in her sons' life touched me deeply. Their story is unique (as they all are) and seeing an active and mobile 6-year-old walk around and visit the tables to chat was heartwarming. We do good things!

This weekend we visit Lewisporte and Gander and hold our Second Quarter Stated Meeting at Gander Masonic Hall on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm. We have several prominent issues to discuss and more applications to receive! It is my hope that we get a good turnout. Next Friday (14th) we continue with our visit to Clarenville for a meeting and barbecue. All Nobles are welcome to attend these visits and support the Divan and hosting Clubs.

I also want to remind the nobility of Noble Wayne Dodge Summer Ceremonial hosted by the Boot Shrine Club from August 16-18, 2024. I encourage all Nobles and Ladies to join us for fun and fellowship with the initiation of a large class of candidates, a street parade, and the Smugglers Degree as highlights. We also have a sizable number of confirmed guests

from Tunis, Karnak, Philae, and Melha joining us. Come out and support the Nobles and Ladies of the Boot SC and show our guests a fun time!

To conclude, we are rapidly approaching the halfway point of the year. We have had a good year to date, and I want to thank the divan, club and unit officers, and the nobility for your support. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible before the year ends. YITF

Lloyd and Ruth

#### NOBLE WAYNE C. DODGE MEMORIAL MAZOL SHRINERS SUMMER CEREMONIAL

#### **AUGUST 15-18**



Please join Ill Sir Lloyd & Lady Ruth Collins

The Noble Wayne C. Dodge Memorial Mazol Shriners

Summer Ceremonial August 15th – 18th, 2024

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The Noble Wayne C. Dodge Memorial

### Mazol Shriners Summer Ceremonial August 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Please go to Mazol Shriners webpage to register:

#### Mazol Shriners Registration Form

Call Karen if you have any questions or concerns at 709-364-1591

#### **Mazol Shriners Email**

Please leave a message with your name & phone number and Karen will get back asap.

Marystown Hotel & Convention Centre (709-279-1600) Room Rate .... \$129.00/ Per Night \*Plus HST Nobles who require accommodations must book their own Room.

#### Ticket Request

Main Banquet	\$110.00 Double / \$55,00 Single
Lady's Luncheon	\$15.00 per person
Soup & Sandwiches (Men's Luncheon)	\$ 10.00 per person
Smugglers Degree	\$40.00 per person

\*Amount of .....

#### SHRINERS HOSPITAL SEMINAR APRIL 23 & 24

On April 23 & 24 our Montreal Shriners Hospital hosted its annual seminar, welcoming participants, both in-person and virtually, from across Canada and the Northeast US. Mazol was represented by Assistant Rabban William Kennedy and Lady Jeannette, as well as Hospital Board Representative Illustrious Sir Paul Rose and Lady Sharon.



The seminar is a great opportunity for Shriners and their Ladies to learn more about care, education, and research through formal presentations, workshops, and roundtables, led by representatives from all sectors of the Hospital. We were honoured by the presence of the leaders of



Shriners International and the Shriners Hospital Network, Imperial Sir Ed Stolze, Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt and Lady Lisa, and Trustee Dr. Leslie Stewart and Lady Megan.



During the Seminar a presentation of a cheque for \$110,000.00 was made on behalf of Mazol to the Hospital by Assistant Rabban William Kennedy and Mazol Hospital Board Rep III Sir Paul Rose. The cheque represented contributions from Mazol, the Boot, Gander, Lewisporte and Compass Clubs.

In addition, Ladies Jeannette Kennedy and Sharon Rose made a

\$5,000.00 contribution to the Hospital on behalf of the Ladies of the Sabre. Mazol patient Alex Wells was also highlighted during a video presentation by Dr. Hamdy dealing with patient success stories. Alex is presently attending university in Minnesota and is a member of his school's varsity wheelchair basketball team.

In addition to its educational component, the seminar's social component was highlighted by a wonderful dinner at the Grande Lodge of Quebec.

## LADIES OF THE SABRE

Well it seems like only the other

day I was writing for the last issue of The Connection .

Time flies when you are having fun. And we ladies have certainly have had some fun. We had a very successful Spring Tea . All who attended had a lovely afternoon with friends and delicious treats . A big thank you to all the Ladies and Nobles who helped in anyway to make the day



a huge success. The ladies have helped with a couple of Craft Fairs serving in the kitchen and selling 50/50 tickets . We have another Craft Fair coming up on June 29. All proceeds of this craft fair and BBQ will be for the Ladies of the Sabre , so please come out and support our local craft vendors . The ladies also had a fun Paint Night .Our very own artist Noble Les Noseworthy tried his very best to make artists out of us lol That was quite the undertaking lol . We had a great night with lots of laughs .

As it draws closer to summer and we break from our monthly meetings, there are still some activities over the summer which I encourage you all to try to attend. In the fall when we resume meetings I invite all ladies that are not already members of the Ladies of the Sabre to reach out to us and come along to a meeting to see what we are all about. I hope everyone has a fantastic summer enjoying time with family and friends.

Lady Paula Dingle President, Ladies of the Sabre















## NSA ANNUAL MEETING

On April 18, 19 the Potentate and Chief Rabban attended the annual meeting of the Northeast Shrine Association in Kingston Ontario. Fourteen of the sixteen temples from the association were represented at the meeting.



#### The Friday morning

business meeting handled some housekeeping requirements and proposed changes to the by-laws. The topic of insurance coverage for organizers and event participants was discussed in detail. The requirement for insurance coverage for travel and parades etc. hasn't been given the attention it should, because of the discussions it was moved and passed that NSA acquire general insurance for events it sponsors.

Civic and Tourism officials addressed the gathering and welcomed us to Kingston. They impressed upon us the gratitude they have for the selection of their city for the Fall Field Days and promised us their full support in hosting the event.

Representatives from Philae Temple gave brief introduction to the NSA Fall Field Day planned for Summerside PEI September 25 to 28, 2025.

In the afternoon we boarded a bus to the Kingston & District Shrine Club. At the club a Membership Summit was held. We were broken down into groups and held a brainstorming session on membership acquisition and retention. Some very good ideas were gleaned from these discussions, and all went away with some new ideas on keeping our membership healthy.

The group was also updated on the plans for competitions and entertainment planned for the Field Days.

After the meeting we joined in with the Kingston District Club's monthly dinner. The dinner is served once a month, at a reasonable cost to patrons from the area. The local population eagerly await the monthly menu publication and are quick to purchase tickets before it is sold out. It was a great experience and very nice to hear the appreciation from the public for our efforts. The public interaction with the Kingston Club is amazing.

The draw for parade positions was done on Saturday morning. MAZOL holds the seventh position in the parade. Logistics for the parade set up and dos and don'ts were explained.

In the afternoon we were taken on a bus tour of the route and shown the areas where the competitions would be held. We were also treated to a tour of the Kingston Penitentiary, which brought back memories to many in attendance.

NSA Fall Field Days September 19 - 22, 2024 should be a great event. Some of the finer details are yet to be worked out but they are in capable hands. Thank you to the Nobels at Tunis for a very informative and interesting session.

Noble Laurence Pike Chief Rabban

#### WELCOME MAZOL'S NEW ORIENTAL GUIDE NOBLE TED DIAMOND

Mazol's new Oriental Guide is Noble Ted Diamond from the Trinity Conception Shrine Club. He joined Mazol in 2020. Today Ted and his Lady Lynn call Harbour Grace South home, having moved there in 2016 from St. John's. They have three daughters and four grandchildren. Ted is a member of Lodge Harbour Grace, which he joined in 2010. He served as Master of the Lodge in 2017.



We asked Ted why he joined the Shrine, to which he said he was very enthusiastic about our cause and had a high regard for the work done by Shriners in our province.

He also mentioned being encouraged by Noble Rex Cotter, a long-time member of the TC Club.

Now, as a relatively new Shriner, Ted has decided to go on the Line and join the Divan. Over the last 4 years, he has come to appreciate the need for consistent messaging and regular communications within Mazol and between the Clubs. He views effective communication as a personal priority and views the respective Club Secretaries as key players in the communication process. In addition, he recognizes that Mazol continues to face an "Age" issue and that it is critical to seek new members in order to sustain stability within our Club network. Ted said, "We need to convey the message that the Shrine is vibrant and not just an organization for older gentlemen".

But at the end of the day, it's seeing our patients' smiles, that makes being a Shriner so rewarding to him.

When Ted is not involved in Shrine or Masonic activities, you'll probably find him fly fishing or working in his garden at home.

#### SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL IMPERIAL SESSION



#### JUNE 30-JULY 4TH

## INTRODUCING

MISS MADDIE ..

In this issue of the Mazol Connection we are pleased to introduce you to 5 year old Maddie, an OI patient from .Mount Pearl. Her Brittle Bone condition was first detected at three months when local doctors detected abnormalities with her femur during a hip examination. Mom Kayla told us that Maddie's eyes also had excessive blue colouring around her eyeballs, which is sometimes a symptom of OI.

Maddie has already made 5 trips to Shriners Montreal and undergone surgery on 2 of those visits. She is regularly seen by Dr. Hamdy when at our Hospital, and greatly enjoys arriving at Montreal Airport and being greeted by Mike and Andre, the Patient drivers from Karnak Temple.

Maddie's Mom speaks highly of their Shrines Hospital experience, especially the way children are treated by staff. Things like having blood drawn are done in a much more relaxed manner, which is normally quite trying for small children. And, bone density scans, which are crucial for OI patients, are geared to the age of the patient.



On her most recent visit to Montreal Maddie and her Mom attended the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Conference which was an event focused on OI and organized by our Shriners Hospital and Canada's OI Foundation. It was described as a great opportunity to learn and to network with parents and children dealing with OI.

### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

#### SJSC FALL 2024 FUNDRAISING SWEEP

The St. John's Shrine Club is running a fall fundraising sweep again this year from September to the end of December 2024. The club has settled on a vintage sports car as the grand prize. The Hickman Group and Hickman Motors has agreed to sponsor the sweep and is supplying a 2007 Pontiac Solstice convertible under agreed to terms and conditions.



The vehicle will be at the Avalon Mall throughout the sweep period and a commercial seller will sell tickets at a booth provided by the mall. Tickets will also be made available to club members to sell like last year. This year we will print fewer tickets and the price per ticket will increase to \$10ea or three for \$20. All of this is just now in the works, so watch the Mazol and SJSC websites and other social media for more information as we finalize details leading up to the September sweep launch.

III Sir Rolly Card PP VP SJSC

#### THE BOOT SHRINE CLUB

Noble Gerald Mayo presented Noble Bill Reid's Fez to the Boot Shrine Club President Noble Dwayne Evans, on behalf of the family. Noble Bill was a founding member of the Boot Shrine

Club and his Fez will be placed in our memorial showcase as a reminder of him and his dedication to Shriners.





At the official visit of III Sir Lloyd Collins to the Boot Shrine Club one of our patients and his family were invited to the dinner. Denika Stewart, Mother of Benjamin Stewart gave a very emotional talk about her son's progress.

Benjamin was born with hip dysplasia in both hips. The family was told that he probably would never walk. The family contacted the Shriners and after several visits to Montreal and successful surgeries, today Benjamin is a very active 6-yearold boy.

Mrs. Stewart thanked the Shriners for everything they did and said that they will be forever grateful for what was done for her son.

Also during the Potentate's visit of four of our new associate members presented III Sir with a check for \$5,000.00 bringing out total so far this year to \$20,000.00

Noble Lawrence Pike, III Sir Lloyd, Bro's Glen Pike, Vaughan Slade, Jeffery Adams & Darrell LaFosse, Noble William Kennedy.





At the Annual Installation and Awards Banquet one of the highlights was the presentation of scholarships to Lucas Power for Level I (\$200.00) and Alyssa Dober (\$300.00) for Level II. Club President Noble Dwayne Evans and Treasurer Noble Harold Matthews made the cheque presentations on behalf of the Nobility. Noble Gerald Mayo gave an excellent explanation of the 100 million dollar club's purpose and followed up with a 100 million dollar certificate presentation to Alyssa Dober.

Noble Dwayne Evans, Lucas Power, Alyssa Dober, Noble Harold Matthews, Noble Gerald Mayo, and Noble Gary Higgins (scholarship chairman)

## LAKE MELVILLE SHRINE CLUB

The Lake Melville Shriners were thrilled to

unveil a colorful new sign on their Happy Valley-Goose Bay building.





#### TRINTY CONCEPTION SHRINE CLUB



Special guest Miss Teen Trinity Conception Carly Bursey and her Mom Nicole, who presented us with a donation for our PTF. RWM Roy Janes and Lady Loraine- Lodge Harbour Grace, RWM Greg Penny and Lady Wendy- Lodge Carbonear, RWM and Noble Boyd Vivian and Lady Mary-Lodge Hearts Content.

Very special guest from The Orange

Lodge Cupids Sponsors of Bay Wheels Car Show Bay Roberts who has been very supportive of our Club, Harold Ackerman and Lady Glynnis, Ross Dawe and Lady Betty, as well as Roy Dawe.

Noble to be Bro. Clarence Mercer and Lady Margaret, Noble to be Bro Rev Churchill Bingo Stamper and Lady Marina, Noble David Candow Bingo Helpers and Lady Christine.

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Please note Noble Bill Squires at 94 years old.

The Trinity Conception Shrine Club has just completed another highly successful and busy year. We meet the third Monday of every month September to June at The Masonic Lodge in Carbonear. We generally have well-attended meetings. Many of our members have attended all Stated Meetings this past year. I am proud to say we have a very active and engaged group of Nobles.

Last fall again we attended both The Miss Jr Teen NL. Pageant and The Miss Teen TC pageant. The participants of both these events have once again chosen to fundraise and support Shriners as an integral part of their program. We are so grateful to be the

beneficiary of their successful fundraising skills once again this year. Their energy, enthusiasm and drive serve as a lesson for all. These young ladies are our future leaders – they set a goal and never look back. They get the job done.

In November we attended a Motorcade in South River for our very own Miss Jr. Teen NI. and Labrador.... Audrey Snow. This young lady has captured our hearts, and we hope to see her attend one of our functions in the coming year during her reign.

Also, in November we had the Visitation of our Potentate III Sir William Radford and The Divan. We were honoured to have them attend the Installation of the new President and officers for 2024.

This past January we had 11 Nobles including 2 Past Potentates and their Ladies from our T.C. Shrine Club attend the Installation of our very own III Sir Lloyd Collins. Our members enjoyed a weekend of wonderful celebrations in the city.

A special thanks to Noble Howard Smith, Past President of our Club, as we shared another delicious breakfast with our Ladies and many of our Nobles. We were honored to have in attendance special guests Miss Teen T.C., her mother, and members of The Orange Lodge of Cupids and their Ladies. It was well attended and a great success again this year.

In June 2024 we will start with our TV Bingo fundraiser again with one BIG difference this year... we plan on running the full year instead of just part year. We have a special meeting planned for June 10 to further plan and discuss this new venture. Noble Randy Smith spearheads this project and kindly offers the use of his garage for the stamping and organizing of our cards. Our committee works hard and enjoys the social and libations that follow our stamping evenings.

Also, in June we plan to attend The Bay Wheels Car Show in Bay Roberts for our Third year. The organizers of this event - The Orange Lodge of Cupids have become very special friends of the T.C. Shrine Club.

August 2024 we are also planning to have a big turnout of our Nobles and Ladies to attend The Summer Ceremonial at The Boot Shrine Club.

The Trinity Conception Shrine Club has had a very busy and rewarding year. Our Nobles and Ladies have worked together to make this possible and already we are looking forward to what 2024/25 holds in store for us.

Respectfully Submitted Noble Ted Diamond President





#### **COMPASS SHRINE CLUB**



Compass Club-Here's Noble Terry Sears delivering the Grand Prize of a Weber Barbecue package to Josh Murphy, the lucky winner of the Compass Club's Spring fundraiser.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**





### The 4th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING CONFERENCE

The 4th Annual Membership and Marketing Conference by the Shriners International Education Foundation (SIEF) was a comprehensive event that focused on various themes and teachings. The three-day conference took place in Orlando FL and hosted over 400 delegates from all over North and South America. The conference featured 18 sessions including 3 keynote speakers, 5 marketing sessions, 5 membership sessions and 5 regional breakouts where we were afforded the opportunity to collaborate, share and learn from other Temples in our Region.



The conference kicked off with a keynote address by Ken Harvey, a former Professional NFL player and all-star who emphasized the importance of teamwork, focus, and the need to constantly refine our approach, drawing parallels between football and Freemasonry. He stressed the need for Freemasons to refine their approach on how they relate to, recruit, and retain new members, and to create a sense of urgency in what they are doing.

Presenters echoed this need to shift our approach in communicating with next generation of

potential members and professionals. There was a continued emphasis on the notion of an individual's return on investment (ROI) and the importance of person-to-person engagement. Community engagement was strongly encouraged and discussed as was the notion that Shrine International was founded on the precepts of "fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth." We are a fraternity defined by fun, fellowship and philanthropy and we need to be proud of that heritage and celebrate it in everything we do.

Themes included creating a sense of cohesion in our Temples, building value for our members, and helping the new generation of Freemasons and Shriners see a value to the personal time they invest in being Freemasons and Shriners. Value, not only to them personally but the community as well. As Shriners, we need to understand our value center and how to speak to the different generations from a recruitment and retention standpoint.

During the conference we delved into the topic on online presence, the threats, and the opportunities as well as some tools and tips for effective social media communications. As live in a world of increasingly complex political and societal landscapes we discussed that with the importance of diversity of thought that comes in today's online world, we must be diligent in monitoring our privacy/security settings. All temples, clubs, units, and nobles must think before we post, everything we present to the public must reflect the values and tenants represented by the Fez. To support our online branding and communications, we were shown the valuable resources contained within FezCast and the newly restructured Digital Asset Management System (DAM). The "SI Standards Guidebook" was introduced and provides guidance, tools, and resources to give everyone in our organization the ability to be part of this movement by communicating consistently, with a unified vision.

One final theme central to this conference was the notion of being intentional in what we do as Freemasons and as Shriners. We discussed the need to consciously move away from holding meetings for the sake of meetings, but rather carefully plan meetings and events so that are enriching, productive and efficient use of people's time and effort where real value can be had from being a part of our great fraternity. We also must never forget to always have fun, and to respect and support one another.

I want to personally thank III. Sir Lloyd Collins and the Divan for supporting this worthwhile initiative and I look forward to helping the Nobles of Mazol Shriners to share all the great ways we are supporting our communities and each other.

Noble Keith Goulding

## THE HAROLD W. DUFFETT SHRINERS RV PARK



The Harold W. Duffett Shriner's RV Park officially opened for the 2024 season on May 15th.

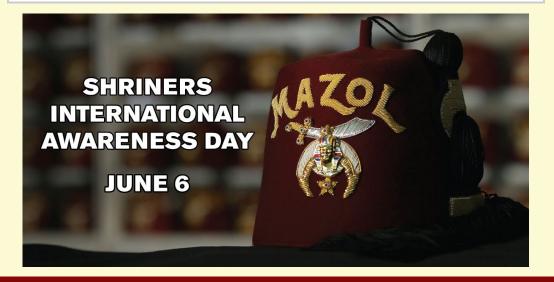
Park President Noble Kevin Butt looks forward to another successful and busy year in the Park. This year will see visits by three significant RV Caravans, 2 from the USA and one from the NL Explorer Group.

The Park presently has 140 serviced sites of which 90 are occupied by seasonal patrons. Residents of the Park pride themselves on their strong community spirit which drives many of the recreational activities and events.

During our interview with Noble Kevin, he highlighted the challenges faced in attracting

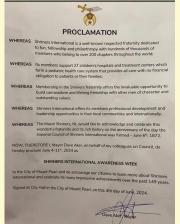
seasonal support staff, the impact of fuel costs on the RV industry, and the importance of a consistent social media program to promote the Shriners Park experience.

Mazol is very proud of the continued success achieved by the Park's Board of Directors and especially grateful for this outstanding personal donation from Noble Harold Duffett, who will be celebrating his 88th birthday on June 11.



# CELEBRATING SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY













#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

As we start to look forward to Summer and the outdoor activities many of us partake in, I hope this latest issue of the Mazol Connection will provide some entertaining reading on Temple happenings so far in 2024.

I am happy to see that more Clubs are taking the initiative to send in their news items. Many thanks for these efforts. Whether it's a report or a collage of pictures around an event, we appreciate your input.

We are all Mazol Shriners and Ladies, and we need to know what's happening throughout our Temple all over our fine Province. For instance, it's nice to read about the winner of the Weber BBQ package in the Compass Club's fundraiser;



to see how high the jackpot is in Lewisporte's weekly Bingo; to learn about Noble Keith Goulding's experience at his first Membership Seminar in Florida; and to read that we may

be initiating up to 18 new Shriners at the Summer Ceremonial,,,that's fantastic! Nobles, things are happening and we are excited about it. We can all learn from the experiences of others. So don't hesitate to share your Club news with all of us.

Thank you to Karen Finn and Lady Sharon Rose for their valued and continuing assistance in producing the Connection, as well as to the Club representatives for providing content for this mid year edition. Enjoy the Upcoming Summer months, and please consider joining us this August in Burin for the Noble Wayne C. Dodge Summer Ceremonial.

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