

Canadian Association of Shrine Temples (C.A.S.T.)

Sunday, December 6, 2020, 16:00 Eastern

Attendees: Noble David Penney (President), Philae Shriners, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland (First Vice President), Al Azhar Shriners, Calgary, Alberta
Ill. Sir Blaine Brooks (Second Vice President), Luxor Shriners, Saint John, New Brunswick
Ill. Sir Lew V Rossner (Director), Gizeh Shriners, Burnaby, British Columbia
Ill. Sir Wayne H Miner (Director), WAWA Shriners, Regina, Saskatchewan
Ill. Sir Joe Trerice (Advisor), Gizeh Shriners, Burnaby, British Columbia
Ill. Sir Ken Wheelans (Advisor), Philae Shriners, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein (Advisor), Tunis Shriners, Ottawa, Ontario
Noble William Radford, (Advisor), Mazol Shriners, St, John's, Newfoundland.
Ill. Sir William C Sweet (Director), Rameses Shriners, Toronto, Ontario
Ill. Sir Rick Shumilak, (Secretary/Treasurer), Al Shamal Shriners, Edmonton, Alberta.

Invited Imperial guests

Imperial Sir William Bailey and Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson

Invited 2021 Potentates and Chief Rabbans

Noble Jim Brown, Noble Lyle Cavanagh, Noble Darren Chruikshanks, Noble Kenneth Conrod,
Noble Bill Fitzsimmons, Noble Shawn Hewlett, Noble Denis Lorteau, Noble Kevin Peill,
Noble Donald Campbell, Noble Allan Dickson, Noble Bill Gilchrist, Noble Richard Loomes,
Noble Art Nordholm, Noble Ron Yates

Regrets

Ill. Sir Ken Wheelans, Noble Gerald W. Budden, Noble Bill Butcher, Noble Len Finnamore,
Noble Terrance Spence, Noble Darroch Cairns, Rev. Noble Erik Kraglund, Noble Randy MacNevin,
Noble Ryan McLaughlin, Noble Robert Stein,

The meeting was called to order and a warm welcome was given by Noble David Penney

Opening Prayer was given by Noble William Radford

Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland welcomed Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson and Ill. Sir William C Sweet gave a brief biography on him

Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson commented on

The new functionality in Web-Fez and members attested to the success of it

Spoke about Fun and Fellowship competition and fun we are having

Informed us on the online membership and marketing training and if we cannot attend the master's class in Tampa, that there may be other options to complete course virtually, such as ZOOM

Ill. Sir Blaine Brooks introduced Imperial Sir William Bailey

Imperial Sir William Bailey commented on

Gave an update on the hospitals

Applauded CAST on staying connected, even though we are isolated

On electronic voting, still investigating for the future, as technology improves, and better systems become available

An Imperial session will be planned for Houston in 2021, despite some problems in hotel scheduling

Still planning for Imperial session in Minneapolis for 2022

Noble David Penney talked about a fraternal fundraiser for CAST on a National level with CAST Directors support.

Encouraged Canadian temples to use CAST website to advertise their fraternal fundraising events to get support from across Canada, Ill. Sir Blaine Brooks described Luxor diamond ring draw that was also advertised on CAST website and was able to generate extra income. Opting in virtually could be successful for all

Ill. Sir Blaine Brooks gave a Montreal Hospital report as follows:

The hospital is doing exceptionally well during these trying times. New referrals have increased. The hospital is operating at 100% the same as it was before the Pandemic.

The Hospital still remains a COVID Free Zone. There have NOT been any cases of COVID with either the patients or the staff. The new hospital has been in operation for 5 years and we have doubled our Staff and the number of patients we see.

The Hospital would also like to thank the Daughters of the Nile for all their support. When the pandemic hit the Daughters stepped up and came through with items the hospital needed for PPE. Personal Protection Equipment. Such as masks, gowns etc.

Our Hospital is having a Virtual Fundraiser Campaign which is called "Because of you-I can". Please support this effort as we started with a goal of \$50,000.00 and we now have exceeded it and our new goal is \$200,000.00. We surpassed \$121,000.00 late last week. Going virtual is something we need to consider at our Shrine Centers.

Air Canada and our hospital are working on a Aeroplan Point System. We will send out the dates of a campaign where every point the Shriner collect Air Canada will match our donation. Please spread the word so we can make this a worthwhile project. These points save us a pile of money.

The Hospital would like to THANK all the Temples for their support.

Happy Holidays to each and everyone of you. Stay safe and healthy

Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland mentioned the Aeroplan program has an anonymous donor that will match donations up to \$50,000 for this program

Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland highlighted that along with Ill. Sir Blaine Brooks, CAST is planning a Canadian breakfast at the next Imperial session as a social event.

Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland gave an update on a 1959 Ford truck that Al Azhar is raffling for fraternal income to their Shrine Temple. Tickets are \$20 each

Ill. Sir Rick Shumilak gave an update on the Drive-by Santa in lieu of a breakfast with Santa

Noble Jim Brown gave an update of the Light up the Shrine with Christmas lights in conjunction with the Daughters of the Nile at Al Azhar Shrine Centre. Will have photo shoots and a model train setup.

Noble Denis Lorteau talked about a raffle for a 1937 Nash. 3937 tickets available at \$40 each by calling 204 925 1430 or online at Khartum website. If you go to CAST website, you can find each Canadian Temple website there

Highlighted that this ZOOM meeting was great to contact out counterparts and keeping each other informed

Noble Donald Campbell emphasised that we need Grand Lodges to have Master Mason degrees to be able to get members in as Shriners. Unfortunate that everything is on hold due to COVID

Ill. Sir Wayne H Miner to compile a spreadsheet of successful fundraisers from across Canada to help find what works well to raise money for the Temples. Send ideas into Ill. Sir Wayne

Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland spoke on the National walk in the spring which will include concordant bodies. June 6 would be a good date, as it is Shrine Day. In the process of designing a t-shirt that can be used across Canada. Details to follow

Noble David Penney gave closing comments

The Meeting was Adjourned at 17:27 Atlantic time.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ill. Sir Rick Shumilak, Secretary/Treasurer