

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

Sunday, November 29, 2020, 14:00 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 Rick Shumilak, (Secretary/Treasurer), Al Shamal Shriners, Edmonton, Alberta.

Regrets from Ill. Sir William C Sweet

Opening Prayer was given by Ill Sir Lew V Rossner

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Ill. Sir Blaine Brooks at 11:00 Pacific time (Meeting Chairmen will be on a rotating basis).

1. Approval of Agenda

With one addition to the agenda, it was moved by Ill. Sir Lew V Rossner, 2nd by Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland to approve and accept the Agenda as circulated. CARRIED.

2. Approval of September 30, 2020 Minutes

Moved by Ill. Sir Lew V Rossner, 2nd by Noble David Penney, to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2020 meeting, with one spelling error, CARRIED.

3. Reports

Hospital by Ill. Sir Blaine Brooks and Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland

- Hospital has had 103 surgeries, OR at capacity
- Patients and hospital workers are COVID free
- Sending out Christmas videos "Because of you-I can"
- Ill. Sir Lew V Rossner gave a hospital report from Gizeh for 2020 to date
 - a) 43 Shrine children patients
 - b) 24 to Portland
 - c) 9 to Spokane
 - d) 9 to Montreal
 - e) 1 to Philadelphia
 - f) \$74000 spent on transportation and accommodation

- g) 192 applications for Shriners in your Community fund, 161 approved, to an approved amount of \$202,967.00 for medical appliances etc.

Membership by Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein

- Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein and Noble David Penney met online with Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson, Brian Harrison and Jodie McGuire from the membership development office in Tampa regarding their needs for the December 6 roundtable. They will highlight on Be a Shriner now, membership and fun and fellowship. The fun and fellowship program have 580 participants and Be a Shriner now is going well.
- Need to get membership Chairmen on board to share on what is working in their area
- The Roundtable is show that the Canadian Temples are working together and share ideas
- Valuable to keep all Nobles informed. Zoom has been an asset for communication in the future

At this point Noble William Radford of Mazol Shriners, St, John's, Newfoundland was introduced, and he gave a short personal biography

Fundraising by Ill. Sir Wayne H Miner

- COVID has put a serious damper on Shrine fundraising across the country
- Reported that WaWa and Al Shamal have sent in seed money for the Shrine Walk in June
- Noble David is working on the CAST pin and showed some mock-ups
- Ill. Sir Wayne has been working on an online Bingo to raise money
- Ill. Sir Wayne is also cataloguing fundraising ideas from across Canada
- Noble David, Ill. Sir Ernie and Noble Bill checking out t-shirts, being careful on the content and intent of support for Shrine activities
- Ill. Sir Lew presented a stamp collection fundraiser headed up by the Chief Rabban of Gizeh, which ended up as a fundraiser and gave exposure in the community. This would be a good fundraiser for CAST, but do not have resources to sponsor

Communications by Noble David Penny

- Constant Contact communications go out to about 400 contacts.
- Average of email communications that are opened is about 69%, but may always viewed
- Concern on frequency of communications as not to overload
- Highlighted to donate Aero-points to help transport patients
- Idea to send CAST communications to all membership, this would help all Temples
- Educate Temples that Divan must operate as a board of directors, not unilaterally

New Business

- Concern that CAST website is not secure, check into a system to get it secure, i.e., SSO which is about \$27 annually
- Canadian Temples are in CAST on a voluntary basis, must get all to work together.

Roundtable

- Reminders sent for upcoming December 6, 2020 Roundtable
- CAST there for help and support and there to help the kids
- Look forward to meet Incoming Potentates and Chief Rabbans on ZOOM call

New Business

- Concern that CAST website is not secure
- A lot being done on ZOOM and next is to look into Election Buddy as a voting tool
- Ill. Sir Ernie showed a business card for Canadian Masonic Supplies in High River, AB as a good Canadian supplier of Fezzes and other masonic wear

5. Date & Time of Next CAST Board Meeting:

Next meeting to be held by ZOOM Video Conference on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 14:00 Atlantic time.

PACIFIC TIME 10:00, MOUNTAIN TIME 11:00, CENTRAL TIME 12:00, EASTERN TIME 13:00

ATLANTIC TIME 14:00, MARITIME TIME 15:00, NEWFOUNDLAND TIME 15:30

6. Adjournment:

The Meeting was Adjourned at 15:27 Atlantic time.

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