



Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

March 19, 2005

At the call of Past Grand Master Walter Macdougall, the following Masons met at 9:00AM at the Manor Restaurant in Waterville, Maine. After introductions and a confirmation of their willingness to serve, the following were declared to be REGENTS of the Maine Masonic College:

John Anagnostis, PGM	Paul Hazard
Edward L. King*	Eric Kuntz, M.D.*
Robert R.Landry*	Wilbur Loveitt*
Donald Macdougall*	George Macdougall*
Walter Macdougall, PGM*	Steven Nichols*
Charles Plummer*	Reginald Wing
Ex-Officio	
The Grand Master	The Deputy Grand Master

Those starred above were present at this meeting.

Following the tentative agenda prepared by MW Macdougall, the first act of business was to elect a Chairman. Upon nomination duly seconded, RW George Macdougall was elected. Wor. Edward L. King was elected as Secretary and the Regents of the Maine Masonic College began their work.

Quickly moving to the task at hand, discussion began regarding funding of this entity. It was agreed that the goal of the Maine Masonic College should be to function as a self-supporting entity but that some of its activities would probably not be self-funded and therefore projected income/expense lines should be included in the Grand Lodge budget.

A form to be used for course proposal was reviewed in detail. It was agreed that, with the addition of a category for "Other" and removal of the question regarding means of student evaluation (a standard college evaluation form will be developed for use in all courses), this form is approved and will be completed for all courses/programs. (It appears in revised form as Appendix 1 to these minutes.) It was agreed that the form could simultaneously be used as a Request for Course also.

It was agreed that an article explaining the goals and purposes of the Maine Masonic College should be sent to the Maine Mason for inclusion in the next issue. Bros. Landry and D. Macdougall would meet on Monday to prepare this. Further publicity will be obtained through use of the Grand Lodge website and by notification of the various Deputy mailing/e-mailing lists along with Masters & Wardens Associations. Bro. George Macdougall will develop a brochure for review with a goal of having it available at the upcoming Grand Lodge session. Development of PowerPoint presentation was also suggested.

As with any new and motivated organization, discussion moved broadly from topic to topic touching on numerous points including the need for and emphasis on quality, a management/control function requirement to ensure excellence, necessary education for the Board of Regents, etc.

In order to adequately develop a model for management and control processes, an Oversight Committee consisting of Brothers Plummer and Kuntz was created.

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Discussion evolved to various topics which might be of interest with emphasis on Critical Thinking and Rational Process. The Power of Myth/The Power of Symbolism – Natural Law – Metaphysics – and more. More mundane issues were also touched on including e-mail addresses and setting up a mail program.

From this broad-ranging discussion came an agreement that we would begin work on a program to tentatively be titled “Symbols – Who Needs Them?”. It would be designed for General Awareness and presented in Seminar fashion but starting as a lecture. Suggested reading would include Allen E. Roberts’ “The Craft & Its Symbols” and perhaps other works including Dan Brown’s “The DaVinci Code” and “Angels & Demons”. It was felt a single session with multiple groups would be best with three locations to be determined. At the sessions, they would break into 3 fifteen person groups (45 maximum registrations at each site). It was felt that the program should be self-funding and that a \$25/per head charge would be adequate.

While there was much excitement and energy, it was agreed that considerable accomplishment had been achieved and that we would come together again from 9-12AM at the same location on Sunday, April 17th to review accomplishments and determine further actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. King

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Secretary, Board of Regents
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