



# Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

*December 4, 2005*

The Board of Regents of the Maine Masonic College assembled at 9:05AM at the Manor Restaurant in Waterville, Maine. Present were Bros. Bowden, King, Kuntz, Loveitt, MacDougall, Nichols, Plummer, Wing, and Chairman George Macdougall.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Bro. Loveitt and the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as distributed.

Details were provided on the upcoming Fraud Courses under the College Extension Program with the first in Hartland on 12/13 at 10:30am. Jerry Palmer of Northeast Combat will take the lead on this and expectations for a successful start are high. Bro. McDougall noted that even though he has taken a lead in this, he is reluctant to do it 'for a lifetime' and it was agreed that whenever someone volunteers to do a particular course/subject area/job that they should not be 'pigeon-holed' into that area. It was agreed that these courses will come under the rubric of 'Extension Program' so as to differentiate them from other program offerings. It was also noted that while these are currently being given by the College, at some point they may fall under the aegis of the MEALS Committee or some other part of Grand Lodge. The College claims no exclusivity over the subjects but rather are attempting to address a perceived need.

Details of the first two College Courses were also reviewed and discussed. The Secretary has designed brochures and they are available on the website. Registration is open and expectations are hopeful. The arrangements for the courses were approved and Bro. King will finalize the details with the facility on Monday.

Discussion then moved to the purpose of the Faculty & Curriculum Committee and the Chairman, Bro. Bowden requested clarification of his role/responsibilities. It was agreed that this Committee does not interfere or conflict with the Oversight Committee which is responsible for general College 'direction'. The Faculty & Curriculum Committee will provide information, guidance and encouragement to prospective instructors enabling them to submit appropriate course proposals. It will make recommendations as to details relative to proposed courses including but not limited to dates and locations.

It was also noted that the College must continuously and pro-actively engage in interaction with the M.E.A.L.S. Committee and the Maine Lodge of Research.

The concept of having a major, multi-day program during the year was then discussed. It was agreed that this should be a summer rather than winter program. Preliminary assignments were made (Speakers: Ed, Charlie, Reggie; Rest of Program: (no assignment); Entertainment: (no assignment); Evaluations: Charlie; Budget: Walter & Ed; Registration: Ed & Reggie.) It was agreed that this should be in the Portland area and would be our "First Annual Summer Symposium". The preferred dates will be on 22-23 July and attendance was estimated at 75-100.

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Various program ‘themes’ were suggested and ultimately it was agreed that we will tentatively title the program “The Masonic Guide to the Galaxy – Freemasonry: A Journey of the Mind”. It was noted that part of that title that will surely resonate with many, particularly those under 60! This preliminary title may need MUCH work....

In the midst of the discussion, the Vice Chairman arrived and, quite unexpectedly, didn’t try to explain his tardiness by blaming his wife!

Bro. Bowden passed around the officially signed copy of our By-Laws following which it was placed in the hands of the Secretary.

Bro. Nichols reported on the activity to date regarding the means/methods of our funding. It is conceivable that the Maine Masonic College could – as a result of its educational and charitable objectives – come under the aegis of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation. A meeting will be arranged to discuss this with the Grand Master. The Grand Treasurer has the donation from the Maine Lodge of Research and will be setting up a segregated account until such time as this is sorted out.

The next meeting will be on January 15, 2006: same time and place.

The issue of Regents’ meeting attendance was discussed. The by-laws state “shall be replaced”. Ultimately, the Chair was asked to ensure that the College complies with the by-laws relative to non-attending Regents.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM with the usual enthusiasm and excitement over things to come!

Respectfully submitted,

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