



# Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

*February 11, 2006*

The Board of Regents of the Maine Masonic College assembled at 1:05PM at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Augusta, Maine following the excellent course presented this morning by Eric Kuntz, MD. Present were Bros. Bowden, King, Kuntz, Landry, Loveitt, W. Macdougall, McDougal, Nichols, Plummer, Wing, and Chairman George Macdougall.

The minutes of the preceding meeting as taken by the Chairman were approved without correction (unlike those of our regular Secretary!).

Walter Macdougall began the meeting by presenting a summary of an e-mail he had received from Wayne Adams regarding the potential and future of the College. It provided for some serious contemplative thought. Bro. Macdougall then proposed that we now develop a basic curriculum and an ornament of some kind for completion along with a pocket patch for those 'Friends of the College' as that program is created. No action was taken with the matter referred to the Faculty & Curriculum Committee for further consideration.

There then ensued a lengthy discussion about the problems facing the College having numerous checks with no visible means of cashing them until Grand Lodge finally makes some determination as to the locus of the College within its structure. After considering all of the options, it was moved, seconded and passed that the Secretary be authorized and he is hereby authorized to obtain a taxpayer identification number and open a checking account for the use of the College until such time as the finances vis-à-vis Grand Lodge are sorted out.

Bro. Landry and McDougal presented information about the very successful Fraud Course. There were 84 in attendance at the Westbrook session and it was noted that Northeast Combat seems quite pleased to be working in conjunction with the College in this endeavor. The Secretary will be developing a brochure for handout so those attending will know that the Masons are (at least partially) responsible for the programs.

There was discussion about the upcoming course by Bro. Plummer and it appears that all is in place. Discussion of the course by Bro. Macdougall occurred also with agreement that we needed to confirm the dates and print the brochure promptly.

Discussion then returned once again to the concept of Membership in the Maine Masonic College. It was moved, seconded and passed to re-orient the concept of the Friends program to include course discount and preferred registration as well as a luncheon of some kind at the end of the school year. \$25 annually was voted as the price for such membership.

The Regents then returned to the discussion earlier relative to the concept of College progression and recognition. Several ideas were suggested including:

- A letter to the District Educational Reps recognizing the attendance of those within their district

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- A plan to record “Masonic Education Units”
- Development of a core body of knowledge (the Faculty & Curriculum Committee will meet between meetings and develop this idea further)
- Further enrichment of reading lists (Bro. King notes that Regent input is desperately requested for this!)
- The potential for a Reading Club of some kind

Further discussion of College curriculum occurred. It was suggested that we need to go over the formula for deciding on courses and present a ‘liberal arts curriculum’. Courses could be grouped under History, Science, Fine Arts, Literature, and Ethics. It was suggested also that the ‘Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences’ be our guide. No proposals or decisions were made following this discussion.

There was also mention of insurance coverage for the MMC activities and the Chairman felt that minor changes might be made to the GL coverage at next renewal to include our activities.

It was announced that due to insufficient advanced planning time, the Summer Institute will now be planned for the summer of 2007 rather than this coming summer.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting will be on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Augusta at approximately 3PM, following the conclusion of Bro. Plummer’s course.

The Secretary raised the issue of reimbursement for mileage expenses for those who assume responsibility for the Extension Courses and it was agreed that they would fall under the previously adopted policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM with a fair amount of exhaustion after the stimulation of the morning’s program (accompanied by the guitar playing and hymn singing in the room next door)!

Respectfully submitted,

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