



Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

August 27, 2006

The Board of Regents of the Maine Masonic College came to order at 9:12AM at the Augusta Masonic Hall. Present were Bros. King, Kuntz, Landry, W. Macdougall, D. McDougal, Nichols, Plummer, Stratton, Wing, and Chairman George Macdougall. Bro. Richardson had advised the Chairman he would be at an out-of-state meeting today while Bro. Bowden had another organizational commitment.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were distributed and accepted with one correction. The Treasurer's report was presented orally. Bro. King distributed the Course Status sheet and discussion ensued. It was agreed that advertising of our endeavors must be broader and that we must be better able to communicate to prospective students 'what's in it for them'.

A discussion of options for the Summer Symposium then ensued. On the way to the meeting, an idea had germinated with Bros. King and Kuntz relative to possibly hosting the Philaethes Society's Semi-Annual Meeting in conjunction with our program. The various pros and cons were discussed and Bro. King was tasked with contacting the Society's Executive Secretary, Nelson King of Toronto (no relation except Masonic Brother!), about this.

Bro. Kuntz noted a book he'd been reading ("The Tipping Point – How Little Things Can Make A Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell) and suggested that we need to be moving toward that magical point at which full acceptance will be achieved. A broad discussion ensued.

The College Regents then proceeded on a tour of the facilities at the Augusta Masonic Hall led by Bro. Stratton. Upon reconvening the meeting, it was agreed that the building would be an excellent location should the College need permanent space at some future point but that for now, no such need existed.

Discussion of where to hold future meetings of the Board of Regents ensued and it was agreed that Bro. Stratton would get applications for both the College and its Regents individually to become members of the Abanaki Club as a mark of appreciation and support. It was moved, seconded and passed to have the College join the Club if that option is available. It was also moved, seconded and passed to pay Bro. Stratton \$15 for coffee.

The meeting closed at 12:10 PM and the Regents adjourned to the Beale Street Restaurant where additional discussion about publicity and courses continued throughout the meal hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. King

Secretary, Board of Regents, Maine Masonic College

Post Script:

Since our last meeting, one course was held ~ Christian Ratliff's 'Masonic Ritual Development to 1843'.