



Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

February 25, 2007

This morning, the Board of Regents was joined by members of the MEALS Committee for the purpose of participating in a day of training at Governor's Restaurant in Waterville.

The meeting opened promptly at 9am with the following present: Richard Bowden, Kern Kelley, Edward King, Eric Kuntz, Robert Landry, Walter Macdougall, Donald McDougal, Steve Morris Stephen Nichols, Charles Plummer, David Richardson, David Walker and Regent Chair George Macdougall and MEALS Committee Chair Tim Martel. Present for the teaching was Evelyn Beaulieu, Director, Center for Adult Learning and Literacy, University of Maine at Orono.

The day was designed to provide a 'training cadre' with exposure to Adult Learning & Teaching Theory. It was a fast-paced day which included a working luncheon. No noticeable damage to the tables or walls was found after the 'drawing with a mirror' exercise which created a very memorable 'AHA!' moment for nearly everyone. There was some card playing during a working lunch (the answer was: A, 6, 2, 10, 3, 7, 4, 9, 5, 8 just 'for the record') and training concluded at 3:00pm with all participants expressing appreciation for the excellent job Ms. Beaulieu had done.

The lateness of the hour, coupled with the lack of prior knowledge by several as to the termination time of the program caused a very hurried and brief business meeting conducted by the Chairman standing as MEALS members and some Regents departed. The next meeting date was set for March 25th and a hurried review of upcoming courses was done. It was agreed that Walter would speak with Alan Heath to sort out the issue of printing books and potential sales matters. It was voted that the College would purchase 50 copies at an approximate price of \$5.00 (or slightly higher). After approximately nine minutes, the business meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. King

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PostScript:

On Wednesday, March 14th, Bros. Walter Macdougall, Don McDougal, Ed King and Richard Bowden travelled through severely potholed roads to Machias for a second in the series of meetings to determine what newer Masons are seeking in Masonic education. Upon arrival we were warmly received and, much to our surprise, found some twenty Masons awaiting us. They had prepared a very lavish supper, with several casseroles, fresh salads, and an absolutely 'to die for' chocolate cake with white frosting all served on tables festooned with St. Patrick's Day decorations. It appears that there was miscommunication about the purpose of this trip with the Master of Harwood Lodge indicating that, as he understood things, a Past Grand Master had come to talk to them. Despite the valiant efforts of Bros. Bowden and Macdougall to conduct a session similar to the very productive one they had done in Carmel, the older Masons tended to dominate the discussion and while in terms of friendship and fraternity it was an absolutely wonderful occasion, your scribe would suggest that it really didn't achieve its goal.

I have GOT to get the recipe for that chicken casserole dish: it was just amazing! I also never met a home-made pot of baked beans I didn't like and this was no exception. It was a terrible, foggy drive home for everyone. ELK.