



## Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

October 28, 2007

The Board of Regents again met at Central lodge #45 in China, Maine with the following present: Richard Bowden, Edward King, Eric Kuntz, George Macdougall, Walter Macdougall, Don McDougal, David Richardson, Claire Tusch with Stephen Nichols presiding. We settled in with those still-warm muffins from Don that always set the scene for a great meeting. Without ado (Thankfully, because Ado is SO messy!), the meeting began promptly at 9:00am – so saith the Chairman.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were reviewed and approved without correction. The Treasurer gave his report and several unpaid items were noted. Checks were written prior to meeting's end to ensure all obligations (save those to Central Lodge from which we are awaiting expense information for meals etc.) were addressed.

The Chairman then shared a motivational story about his drive to the meeting this morning. As he began his journey, it was overcast and dark yet along the way, the sun began to peek through and revealed a stunning display of foliage that was unseen when the darkness and clouds were there. It was amazing, he noted, what a difference a little bit of light makes! Thus the tone of the meeting was set and the Regents began to discuss plans for moving forward.

It was agreed that we should cancel Sam McKeeman's upcoming class as Saco Lodge had not delivered the necessary registrations as promised and there were no pre-registrants at that point. It was agreed to pay Sam a \$25 honorarium for this regardless.

Discussion then proceeded to the creation of a program for the Ambassadors. There were a number of items that were felt necessary/appropriate but that these were things that others could benefit from as well and that even the public can/should be welcome. The topics included:

- Popular literature (beliefs, perceptions, books, etc.)
- How to network
- How to speak in public
- How to get along
- Generational differences

There was a question on whether these were items that the MEALS Committee should attack but it was generally agreed that they've got a plateful and Walter suggested that 'it's what we should do'. There seemed to be general agreement that we bring in subject experts rather than reinvent the wheel ourselves.

As part and parcel of the piece on 'popular literature', Regents agreed to bring copies of things they thought relevant to our next meeting so that they could be considered by all – and then, in the winter, get this darn thing done! There was discussion of doing it in 2 phases: the info and then how to present it. Info piece will be hammered out at the next meeting.

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A report from the Curriculum Committee was then presented and met with considerable acclaim. It was decided that the Prologue would be used to replace our present description on the web-site. A couple of minor modifications made for more meaningful presentation to the non-Masonic viewing audience in that venue. It was also agreed that we should use this guidance in developing our list of courses moving forward.

Relating to something, George wanted it known that he is not ignorant. Claire so moved. A second could not be found.

Further discussion on the Curriculum Committee report occurred.

Steve will follow up with Alan on the missing CD as well as the need to have this course offered again.

Course evals on the “Secrets of a Master Mason” program by Don were discussed. Richard suggested that this could be a wonderful program to integrate into the Officer Training sessions and was asked to take the idea to the MEALS Committee.

Ed discussed more on the polo shirt debacle and following a brief presentation it was agreed to pay \$90 to have a logo done if it seems appropriate.

The next meeting was set for December 2, 2007 at Central Lodge in China.

The meeting was closed at 12:50 pm followed by a buffet lunch where further discussion of programs and the ignorant status of all Regents were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Edward L. King**

Secretary, Board of Regents, Maine Masonic College

**GO NAVY! ~ BEAT ARMY!**

*So let it be written,*

*so let it be done....*

*And so it came to pass that on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of December in the year 2007,*

***Navy beat Army 37-3....***