



# Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

February 24, 2008

The Board of Regents met at Central lodge #45 in China, Maine with the following present: Richard Bowden, Edward King, Eric Kuntz, George Macdougall, Walter Macdougall, Don McDougall, Charles Plummer, David Richardson, A. James Ross, and with Stephen Nichols presiding. The meeting opened at 9:01am and just a couple of minutes later, Claire Tusch arrived prompting a major interruption for furniture rearrangement. Don's breakfast snacks provided beginning sustenance and were, as always, acknowledged with full-mouthed mumbles. The minutes of the preceding meeting were accepted as distributed.

We began with a discussion about distribution and production of videos including the creation of some tentative pricing for same. Various sub-issues were also discussed. The discussion held at our last meeting on this topic was renewed including ways we can formulate making videos as a part of our training. Topics included whether we should simply 'throw them to the winds' or be very selective and have them in the hands of DERs with assistance from Ambassadors and MMC Regents in order to ensure discussion occurs. Again, there was no particular plan arrived at. Steve did, however, note that we were running downhill at this stage. It was suggested that videos should include an Instructor's Guide, a Study Guide, handouts, and a list of Resources. It was felt that these should be in both printed form to physically accompany the video as well as in PDF format on the DVD itself. Ed noted this would require considerable work by the instructors.

We then tossed around finances including usage of the amount still allocated to us for this fiscal year as well as a budget for the ensuing year. During this, Steve had another of his famous epiphanies suggesting that we're in a position to give people something interesting to do if we provide the structure to the instruction. David commented on watching the possibilities unfold as we pursue various instructional options further and others added comments as well.

Walter spoke about the PBS program 'The Parthenon'. It was agreed we should have a special meeting just to watch this. Our ladies as well as 'friends of MMC' will be invited to attend also. We also discussed offering "The Philosophical Conversation" in a classroom environment as well as the stresses now arising from a busy world and financial stress.

We discussed the previously suggested Symposium but no decisions were made. We also discussed use of the web in conjunction with our various course plans.

The next meeting was set for April 6<sup>th</sup> in Newport. We adjourned at 12:10pm and most were able to stay and enjoy lunch together.

Respectfully submitted,

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