



Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

April 6, 2008

The Board of Regents met at Meridian Splendor Lodge #49 in Newport, Maine with the following present: Richard Bowden, Edward King, Eric Kuntz, Robert Landry, George Macdougall, Don McDougal, David Richardson, and Stephen Nichols presiding. The meeting opened at 9:05 am following a near feeding frenzy with the many breakfast treats available. Our hosts had provided fruit, rolls, donuts and more, Eric & Richard arrived with dozens of bagels and donuts, and Don came with his always delicious Don's breakfast snack. It was difficult to get our Secretary in his place for the minute taking!

As our first business, Don introduced Kelly Carter who had been invited to our meeting today. We had a round-robin discussion of our respective years as Freemasons which proved illuminating to everyone. After a promise of great riches and our failure to mention that the newest elected by dinner for us all twice a month, Brother Carter was nominated to be a Regent and he accepted.

The minutes were distributed complete with donut sugar. They were accepted as was the Treasurer's report showing a balance on hand of \$736.32.

We then went into a discussion of video production in light of the immediately upcoming meeting of the Deputy Grand Master with the District Educational Representatives. Intertwined was a decision that our newsletter, The Entablature, should be put into the Maine Mason magazine. *(Note: no decision was made as to how this would affect our plan to do this bi-monthly since the magazine will be but 4 times a year on an unknown schedule thus limiting our ability to put in announcements of upcoming television programs etc. that might be of interest.)* Relative to the video, it was decided that we would put these online (if size-permissible), distribute to the DERs, and make available on request. We will deliver to the MEALS Committee 3 dozen videos for distribution to the DERs and will make them available by order for \$5.00. *(Note: due to problems with output inconsistency, this could not be accomplished.)* It was also agreed that we would attempt to show the video at Grand Lodge as part of Steve's presentation of the College's work for the year. *(Note: again, this was not accomplished and no MMC report was given at GL due to scheduling.)* It was recognized that there were several conflicting plans and as a result, it was agreed that we would postpone FINAL decisions regarding the distribution of DVDs until next Sunday when we plan to meet to watch 'The Parthenon' DVD with Walter.

We further talked about access issues and whether DVD was available to the majority of our audience. David noted that 30% of those in the state don't have online access. Based on this enlightening information, we will certainly need to be aware of our design processes.

Steve reluctantly admitted that he had not had an epiphany today he did observe that in our efforts, it's not only timing but TIME! This observation led us on an examination of 'mandatory philosophies' and the personal journey we each make. The College's role in this was bounced back and forth with a reminder to remember that it is "...by my own endeavors and your assistance."

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It was agreed that we would plan to meet on the following Sunday to watch the video from PBS on 'The Mystery of the Parthenon' and a next Regents meeting was set for May 18th in Newport. *(Note: Due to the illness of Walter and the potential absence of at least three other Regents, this was postponed until a later date.)*

We adjourned at 12:00pm to enjoy a bountiful lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. King

Secretary, Board of Regents, Maine Masonic College