



Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

October 19, 2008

The Board of Regents met at Meridian Splendor Lodge #49 in Newport, Maine with the following Regents present: Richard Bowden, Edward King, Eric Kuntz, Gerald Leighton, George Macdougall, Walter Macdougall, David Richardson and Chairman Stephen Nichols. Claire Tusch was excused due to work obligations. The meeting opened at 9:01am after an even greater opportunity to gorge on sweets provided by our hosts but also from an Open House program yesterday compliments of Bro. Kuntz. The Chairman announced that he was going to remain as quiet as possible today based on a review of his horoscope. ~~Wild cheering erupted.~~

The minutes of the preceding meeting were reviewed and with some difficulty obtaining a second, accepted. The Treasurer also presented his report which was accepted more readily. Bro. King noted one update to the report arising from the purchase of lighting which had been approved several months ago but which had been postponed until we were closer to video production which would require it.

A report was given about the Maine Lodge of Research's presentation of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* by Bro. Kuntz with additional comments from Bros. Bowden and King. In particular, it was noted that the use of advertising in free-distribution newspapers might have relevance for some MMC programs moving forward.

Bro. McDougall talked about the presentation he and Bro. Walter Macdougall had done the prior Thursday in Houlton. The name has been changed from "Secrets of a Master Mason" to "Light in Masonry" and was met with a very positive response. The discussion surrounding this led to a further, broader discussion about the status of society overall and how such programs can help to educate and enlighten a world which seems to have lost many of the basic philosophies which have brought it so far to date.

Bro. Walter Macdougall then presented an extensive proposal for course organization which integrated the many discussions and suggestions from the past, providing a coherent path for further growth and development. His work was received and approved enthusiastically. It will be included in the College Manual.

Walter also noted that on November 15th at the behest of the MEALS Committee the College would present a course on Public Speaking with Ms. Jennifer Brophy from the University of Maine, Orono, as instructor. The course will run from 9 to 11 followed by lunch and the Masonic audience will be for District Education Reps and District Deputies. Bro. Leighton has been contacting organizations in the Newport area to tell them of this opportunity. We encouraging public attendance at this free event.

Bro. King presented a detailed proposal for recognition of those who complete MMC courses. The concept of a MMCEU (Maine Masonic College Educational Unit) as discussed several months ear-

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lier was detailed. Some modifications were made and the plan was approved with the actual award items to be determined based on availability of funds etc.. Ed parenthetically noted that the logo embroidery proof was being created and should be available within a few days.

Together, the course organization and recognition program as approved now give the College a very firm base.

Bro. Kuntz discussed the Book Forum and Bro. King showed an example of the lists he was creating for the upcoming revision of the College Website and also distributed a visual map of the information architecture.

In order to provide uniformity and consistency, it was agreed that henceforth all College references to Masons will use the appellation “Brother” regardless of the rank of the individual involved. Their accomplishments in the Craft may be noted as part of their biography but we will all meet ‘on the level’, setting aside titles in the interest of ensuring Masons and non-Masons are comfortable interacting with us.

The ongoing problem of Regent absence at meetings was discussed briefly, noting the By-Law stipulation that no more than three (3) unexcused meetings are allowed.

A discussion of the first edition of our publication, *The Entablature*, occurred noting that it would appear in the next few weeks as the center pages of the *Maine Mason Magazine*. The helpfulness and encouragement of Bro. George Pulkinen was noted.

The next meeting was set for November 16th: same time/same place. And then the meeting was closed at 12:10pm as the aroma of food became overly compelling.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. King

Secretary (until you can find my replacement!), Board of Regents, Maine Masonic College

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***TECH TIP: (Update for November!)***

Some of you may say this tip is extremely basic. If it is basic to you, great, you've already shaved some serious time off of your work week. For the rest of you, this is the way to save yourself a bunch of time.

How often do you use the Cut, Copy and Paste commands? Probably several times a day. When you use these commands, do you use the menus, the toolbar buttons or the shortcut keys? If you aren't using the shortcut keys, you're wasting time! Simply tap the CTRL (Control) key and the letter shown to perform the task. It's really quite easy.

**Ctrl + X = Cut**

**Ctrl + C = Copy**

**Ctrl + V = Paste**

Memorize those! They work in almost every single program. They even work in places where the menus and toolbars aren't available. I'm guessing I use these shortcuts at least 50 times a day. Heck, if I counted, it might well be over 100. Imagine how much time you'll save if you aren't using the shortcut keys already.