



Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

August 23, 2009

Quote of the meeting: "If there were a need today, it is to bring people together and build communities." –

Wayne Adams

The Board of Regents met at Meridian Splendor Lodge #49 in Newport, Maine. Present were Wayne Adams, Richard Bowden, Edward King, Eric Kuntz, George Macdougall, Walter Macdougall, Don McDougall, David Richardson and Jim Ross with Stephen Nichols presiding as Chairman. The meeting began at 8:58am and the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were accepted as presented.

The Chairman then welcomed Wayne Adams and asked if he would make some inspirational remarks. Wayne spoke about 5 things he saw as important for our consideration as a College with particular emphasis on the fact that Freemasonry has been the most successful when it has intersected with the



needs of society. He noted too that it has always been in the forefront of 'radical ideas' – such as public education and democracy. He reminded us that Freemasonry's teachings conveyed to men the idea they could unite in the midst of a society where people had been killing each other, often over trivial and interpretive matters and that the US was founded on a common philosophy and used a number of examples to elaborate on this theme. He suggested that if we adopt a clearly stated mission that leadership would be responsible for keeping us on message. It was noted that we do, indeed, have a well-defined mission leading to the question of whether it's being communicated with fervency and zeal. He noted that this

is a critical time for Freemasonry as it sits once again on the precipice of intersection with society's needs. *(Secretary's Note: For a similar exposition on this topic by Wayne, refer to The Northern Light magazine of August, 2006 available on the Scottish Rite (NMJ) website.)*

There was then some discussion of the specific situation in which Freemasonry finds itself today, especially relating to the Maine Masonic College and its mission, course attendance, etc. It was agreed that we have a valuable product for both members and their communities and that we should not be discouraged during these times when everyone is facing challenges.

Walter then presented the report of the Dean of Academic Affairs and we went through the extensive markup of dates, locations, etc. A goodly number of courses were inked in for the spring semester and this year will offer nearly three times the number of programs we've offered in preceding years.

Norma Leighton who was there to provide our lunch advised the Regents that Jerry was doing well in light of his recent medical situation. She encouraged us to give him plenty of work and we all agreed that this was a GREAT idea!

