



Meeting Minutes

Masonic Association of Algoma District

Date:	Saturday - January 2, 2016	Time:	9:00 am
Location:	Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room		
Chair:	John Stewart	Secretary:	Bob Willett
Officers:	John Stewart (P), Rick Maloney (T), Bob Willett (S)		
Attendees:	J Stewart, Richard Bauch, Bob Willett, Rick Maloney, Tim King, Michael Abbott, Eric Johnson, Robbie Manz, Bill Deadman, Keith Davis, Bill Davis,		

ITEMS

1. Call to Order

9:00am John Stewart chairing, with 10 members and one guest present.

2. Introductions

Introductions took place.

3. Review and adoption of Previous Meeting Notes

Read and adopted minutes as revised.

4. Committee Report(s):

1) Treasurers Report - W. Bro. Rick Maloney- As Oct 30 bank balance of \$824.00.

Note: DDGM Returned cheque of \$450.00. Deposited one cheque from Fort William Lodge \$105.00. (2016 District Masonic Association Levy). Total in acct. As of Jan 2, 2016 is \$929.34.

2) Inventory - "Lodge give away gifts" There is a small inventory left.

5. Old Business - Create a distribution list to send reminders to all Secretaries, Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens. Bob Willett is working on e-mail listing. **Action:** Bring forward as there are new Secretaries in several lodges. Please send the names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of your lodges' Masters, Past Masters, Secretaries, Senior Wardens and Junior Wardens to rwillett@live.ca so distribution list can be updated.

6. New Business:

- 1) **Bursary discussions:** John Stewart suggested that the Algoma District Masonic Association consider setting up bursary for the Algoma District. Several Lodges have specific bursaries. Donations could be on a voluntary basis by lodge (Say \$5.00 per each member desiring to partake). Money collected would be managed by a District Committee. If our members (approx. 650) paid \$5.00 each there would be enough money to possibly offer three bursaries a year. Might raise the awareness of the Fraternity. Try to have established by 2017. **Action:** Send a letter to each lodge asking for their comments/thoughts. Majority at meeting thought it may have merit.
- 2) **Comments from Grand Lodge:** Right Worshipful Brother Robbie Manz stated that the Grand Master John C Green wants a Mini Grand Lodge to take place in 2017 somewhere in Western District. Right Worshipful Robbie Manz has been asked to serve as a member of an ad-hoc committee to research ways to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry in 2017 and to help organise a mini Grand Lodge in Western District in 2017. Also a new revision of the book of work may be released in the near future.
- 3) **Right Worshipful Brother Eric Johnson** commented that he had just been in New Zealand and attended a lodge. There the members serve a three year term. New Members are given a flash drive to study from and need a password to advance.
- 4) **Book of Work-** As Right Worshipful Robbie Manz stated, a new revised book of work may be released soon. It was suggested by the members attending, that maybe Grand Lodge should look at a binder system or a flash drive to cover any changes in the book of work or constitution.
- 5) **Worshipful Brother Michael Abbott** commented on one of the things the Association does for us. He stated that today's meeting was a perfect example of why we need the Association to continue. **"It provides a great forum for discussion"**.

Call for Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Mike Abbott Seconded by Bill Deadman at 10:20am.

Next Regular Meeting

Date:	February 6, 2016	Location:	Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room
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