



Algoma District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

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| Date: | Saturday April 16, 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: | R Willett, R Bauch, L Swan, D Moore, C Jankovic, B Swan, A Cawlishaw, M Abbott, J Stewart, R Manz, J Horbow, B Deadman, E Johnson, N Lundbertg. | | |

1. Call to Order

9:00am John Stewart chairing.

2. Introductions

None

3. Review and adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes read, no errors or omissions - minutes adopted.

4. Committee Report(s):

a) Treasurers Report - Reported by John Stewart - As of April 16, 2016 the bank balance was \$638.14. Note: Re- Lake Head Shrine Circus opportunity to purchase a business card size ad in the Circus Program for \$60.00. The original deadline for advertising was April 2nd. Because of the short nature of the ad deadline, John Stewart called the executives to seek approval which was given. A cheque was made out to the Lake Head Shrine Circus. This advertising money stays with Lake Head Shrine and directly benefits children when travelling to the Shrine Hospitals for treatment.

5. Sick & Visiting: Terry Brown has been in the hospital with heart issues (looking at release April 20, 2016), Bill Bailey fell and pulled his groin and is in the hospital (looking at being released April 20, 2016), Keith McWilliams had an operation and is recovering, Danny Blako fell and hurt himself, Bill Davis might have to back to hospital for a follow on a former issue. Brethren present where not aware of any other brethren in sick or distressed circumstances.

6. Old Business:

a) Create a distribution list to send reminders to all Secretaries, Past Masters, sitting Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens. Bob Willett is working on e-mail listing.

Action: ongoing, **item closed.**

b) **District Picnic:** A discussion was held regarding the Algoma District Masonic Association picnic. It was suggested that the Masonic Temple on Dease Street be considered as a location and a date for the picnic be determined well in advance of the event taking place. Include the Lake Head Shrine and there resources. It was felt that there was not enough time to organize a picnic this year. A motion was presented by Les Swan to have the picnic deferred to 2017. Seconded by Mike Abbott. Motion was carried. **Note: A discussion to clarify funding of Algoma District functions and where the money comes from will take place at the next meeting on May 7, 2016.**

c) **Inventory –** John Stewart has started a listing of the inventory in the Algoma District resource centre. There is a resource section in the District Association web Site which describes a number of Masonic products that are in stock and available for purchase. It is recommended that the Lodges check this site to see if there is anything they would like to purchase. Purchases can be made by contacting John Stewart. **Action** item Closed

7. New Business:

a) **Nominations:** Nominations for the Algoma District Masonic Association officers for the 2017 year will be accepted at the 2016 September meeting. Election of new officers will take place in October 2016.

a) Comments from Grand Lodge:

a) Right Worshipful Brother Dan Moore stated that we need to organize a Grand Master's Banquet. The date of the Grand Master's Banquet is set for November 19, 2016. Right Worshipful Brother Robbie Manz will Chair the committee to organize the event. Right Worshipful Manz is looking for volunteers. **Action:** Bring forward to next meeting. **Please Note; A copy of the letter from the Grand Secretary Terrance Shand is attached and includes special instructions. Action Bring forward**

b) i) A Mini Grand Lodge is being suggested for May 26, 27, & 28 - 2017 (Last weekend in May). Location is Kenora. li) An ad hoc committee is looking for suggestions on ways to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Free Masonry in 2017. lii)The Grand Lodge website will be going through a major upgrade in the near future to make it a lot more user friendly with a wider range of uses and applications. **Action: Bring forward**

c) **Kenogamisis:** Right Worshipful Brother Dan Moore updated the members on the status of one of our district Lodges Kenogamisis in GERALTON. The Lodge is looking at having to voluntarily give up their warrant. There is also a possibility of amalgamation with another lodge. The members will be asked to vote at their next

meeting.

Grand Lodge Comments (cont'd)

- d) **Hornepayne:** On April 30, 2016 Hornepayne is having their DDGM's official visit and installation of officer which will be followed by a "great" Ladies Night. A divine service will be held on Sunday May 1, 2016. There are some accommodations available.
- e) **Right Worshipful Dan Moore Commended the Algoma District Masonic Association on its good work and feels the association should continue.**
- f) Right Worshipful Dan Moore also noted that there is a guideline available covering "the 5 Steps to Application" and asked that it be attached to the minutes. A copy of the Protocol and Etiquette Essentials # 37 (Improper Solicitation) is also attached and should be read in open lodge. This issue clarifies the term "Improper solicitation" of new members.

"For the Better of" : The **Next** Algoma District Meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple, 1600 Dease Street on May 7, 2016. A motion was made to have the Algoma District Masonic Association meeting move to Dease Street and start at 8:30am to make it easier to attend both meetings. Moved by Mike Abbott, seconded by James Horbow, Passed.

Call for Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by John Stewart, Seconded by Mike Abbott at 9:55 am.

Next Regular Meeting:

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| Date: May 7, 2016 | Time: Meeting at 8:30am | Location: Masonic Temple 1600 Dease Street Thunder Bay |
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