



Algoma District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Date:	Saturday September 10, 2016	Time:	9:00 am
Location:	Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room		
Chair:	John Stewart	Secretary:	Bob Willett
Officers:	John Stewart (P), Bob Willett (S)		
Attendees:	R Willett, M Abbott, J Stewart, B Deadman, N Lundberg, R Bauch, E. Johnson		

1. Call to Order

9:00am John Stewart chairing.

2. Introductions

None

3. Review and adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes read, two errors re: date of meeting- minutes adopted as amended.

4. Committee Report(s):

a) Treasurers Report - Reported by John Stewart – In Bank as of September 10, 2016 a balance of **\$629.84**.

5. Sick & Visiting: Ted Baumann had operation as did Bill Davis. Both seem to be recovering well.

6. Old Business:

a) There has been a lot of discussion over the years on how the Masonic Association was to be funded. It had been decided at one time that the lodges would pay annually \$1.00 per each of their members to the association. At the May 2016 meeting it was decided that a letter should be sent to each of the lodges in Algoma District requesting approval of this levy process. **Action: It was decided by the DDGM** that a letter be drafted for the DDGM and President Algoma District Masonic Association's approval and signature. The letter will request that each lodge pay to the Algoma District Association a \$1.00 per lodge member levy. The letter will be attached to these minutes. The money will assist in covering some of the District operating expenses.

7. New Business:

- a) **Nominations:** Nominations for the Algoma District Masonic Association officers for the 2017 year will be accepted up to and including the 2016 September meeting. Election of new officers will take place in October 2016. At the May meeting the following members let their names stand:

President: Les Swan

Vice President: Bob Swan

Treasurer: Bill Deadman

Secretary: Bob Willett

Directors: Mike Abbott

Robbie Manz

Richard Bauch

Grand Lodge Representative: Right Worshipful Robbie Manz

NOTE: As of September 10, 2016 no changes/additions have been made to the above list of candidates.

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. **Please Note; A copy of the letter from the Grand Secretary Terrance Shand is attached and includes special instructions. Action: Bring forward.** Right Worshipful Brother Robbie Manz stated that the organization of the Grand Master's reception is moving along. He suggested that there be a ``meet and greet`` at Connaught Lodge Friday evening. Robbie is looking for suggestions for workshops that could be held at Shuniah Lodge on November 19, 2016. **Action: Bring Forward. Update:** The reception will be held at the Prince Arthur. Symposium at 6:00pm. Banquet at 7:00pm. Tickets \$50.00 each / \$100.00 per couple. Meal chicken and roast beef buffet (head table to be served). Dress Business suits. **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**

General Discussion: A question was asked regarding the availability of any district resources regarding management of solely owned Masonic Lodge buildings. Mike Abbott suggested that an advisory committee be set up to act as a resource throughout the District **Action: Bring Forward.** It was noted that the Grand Lodge website has information on building Management issues or the Grand Lodge Building committee Chairman can be contacted. Grand Lodge is looking into acquiring an Investment Management Company. It may be possible for lodges to access the services of the company.

John Stewart noted that there is a very small inventory of lodge give away gifts. He has only had three inquiries regarding the resource center and most purchases have come from direct contact during his visits to the lodges. As a result he has decided to shut down the centre. John feels that the Algoma District Masonic Association has prospered under his guidance. There is money in the account and more lodges are sending representatives to the meetings. Regarding brining in a refugee family, the Masonic Association was noted in the Current River United Church Bulletin for their assistance (a donation).

Call for Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Bill Deadman Seconded by John Stewart at 9:39 am.

Next Regular Meeting:

Date: Oct 1, 2016	Time: Meeting at 9:00am Breakfast at 8:00am for those so desiring.	Location: Shoreline Hotel, Beacon Room, Thunder Bay.
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