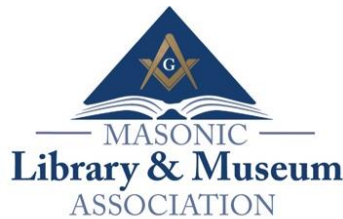


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AGENDA

Saturday 11 September 2021

10 am Pacific

11 am Mountain

12 pm Central

1 pm Eastern

A Virtual Gathering via Zoom technology

A] WELCOME

President Brian Rountree welcomed all in attendance (the list follows these notes).

He mentioned that the meeting would be recorded for the use by the secretary – it would not be made public.

A welcome was also extended by Dirk Hughes, Director, Masonic Museum and Library in Grand Rapids, MI and our virtual host.

Opening Prayer – Tom Hauder

Paused to acknowledge the deaths of past president and founder John H. Platt on June 19, 2021; and David Lettelier on April 19, 2021 whom we knew from his Phoenixmasonry website and attendance at meetings.

We also paused in remembrance of those who were victims and survivors of the 9/11 attacks.

Regrets received -- Paul Bailey, Bill Kreuger, Neil Morse

B] APPROVE THE MINUTES of the meeting of 12 September 2020

Motion to accept the Minutes. Mover = Mike Brumback
Seconder = Glenys Waldman

The motion was presented via a poll.

Motion carried.

a) Business arising from the Minutes [not covered in the reports online]

None

C) OUR REPORTS FOR 2021

- a) Secretary's report – Cathy Giaimo
- b) Treasurer's report – Eric Troisdahl
- c) Vice President's Report – Tyler Vanice
- d) President's Report – Brian Rountree
- e) Europe -- Helge Horrisland
- f) Marketing – Tom Hauder
- g) Australia – Neil Morse

Eric Troisdahl indicated that some technology problems had precluded the preparation of his report. He will send it out later. We had no expenses, just membership income.

Motion via a poll to accept the reports.

Mover = Dirk Hughes

Secunder = Dick Browning

Motion was carried.

D) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Election of officers for 2021-2023

Report by Mark Tabbert, Past President, on nominations—

President – Tyler Vanice

Vice-President – Glenn Visscher

Secretary – Mark Tabbert

Treasurer – Eric Troisdahl

Each person was asked if they accept the nominations.

There were no nominations from the floor.

The President declared them elected by Acclamation and handed the “gavel” to newly-elected Tyler Vanice.

- b) Place of 2022 meeting

President Vanice mentioned that he had heard from Bo Buchanan, President of the Arizona Grand Lodge Library & Museum. At a recent Board meeting there was support for MLMA to hold its 2022 meeting at their facility. Unfortunately, Bro Buchanan was not able to join us today [he had registered].

Motion via poll to accept the MLMA Annual Conference in 2022 hosted by the Arizona Grand Lodge Library & Museum.

Moved by: Mike Brumback

Seconded: Tom Hauder

Motion carried.

c) Other New Business

Tom Hauder mentioned that he had discussions with Bro John Belton in England who is looking for a site to host a large collection of pdf files-- scanned Masonic documents such as constitutions, pocket guides, etc.

Alexander Vastola said he might be interested and that New York could possibly host the material.

Mike Brumback introduced the two Interns that were visiting us. They are students in the Museum Studies Program at the University of Indiana. Mike heartily advocates the benefits of having such interns at our museums / archives / libraries.

Alexander Vastola of New York said he was interested in the idea of having Interns and would check out his local universities. He talked about the work they had done on digital files and local history files. You can see them at <https://nymasoniclibrary.org/> They have also uploaded virtual lectures [go to the Programs tab].

William Parkyn described his take-over from Hugh Young and the work of moving the library when the Grand Lodge of Alberta moved. One of his concerns is about the cataloguing of materials. He likes the idea of an intern. Brian Rountree suggested he could contact one of the colleges in Alberta with programs for library technicians.

Glenn Visscher described some of the marketing work they have done in New Jersey. Glenn and Mark Megee have created short videos about their collections. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qApJj7_ODuk

Cathy Giaimo mentioned that the membership index books have been scanned and are more accessible to the office staff and the librarians. The Library & Museum sponsored a series of on-line guest speakers. A local television station taped a program about the Masonic Temple and there was a segment about the library.

Jeff Alexander spoke about the work at Mt. Holly Lodge library. Their catalog is online through LibraryThing. You can search their collection at <https://www.librarything.com/profile/MHLodge14> by going to the upper right for the search box. He also mentioned the work they have done with Mark Megee in connection with the Central Valley of the Scottish Rite in New Jersey.

Tyler Vanice thanked everyone for their questions and answers on our member's list—keep them coming. He asked members to be sure to send him information that he can put on the website.

Jeff Alexander asked if we might have a hybrid session next year so that those not in attendance can, at least, participate in the meeting. Tyler thought that would depend upon the facilities and technology available in Arizona. It is something to start checking on soon.

E] MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting –

Motion by: Glenn Visscher that we adjourn.

THAT we adjourn at
10:40 am Pacific / 11:40 am Mountain / 12:40 pm Central / 1:40 pm Eastern

CARRIED.

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A 10 minute break was held before the commencement of the

EDUCATION SESSIONS

Introductions were made by Dirk Hughes.

A} "The City of Grand Rapids Archives"

Tony Wright, City Archives Officer for the City of Grand Rapids

Tony presented information about the work of the archives, its age and collections, with images in a powerpoint presentation [that is on our website]. His archive website is

<https://grandrapidsmcityarchives.omeka.net/>

He can be contacted at awright@grand-rapids.mi.us

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B} "Uncircle the Wagons: Creating Lasting Community Partnerships"

Rhiannon Cizon, Director, Berrien County Historical Association

In early 2021, the Berrien County Historical Association partnered with six lodges and the Michigan Masonic Museum and Library to mount "Historic Rituals: Freemasonry in Berrien County." This exhibit was the first of its kind in the history of the museum and one of the first exhibits hosted by a non-Masonic organization to tell the history of area lodges in the state of Michigan. The lessons learned by the BCHA and the Masons can help you create lasting partnerships with area museums, cultural centers, and community organizations. It's time for Freemasons to uncircle the wagons and share their history with pride!

During her talk, Rhiannon made reference to the following sources --

Gaylord	https://www.gaylord.com/
Hollinger	https://www.hollingermetaledge.com/
The Library Store	https://www.thelibrarystore.com/
Archivist Association	https://www2.archivists.org/
State Museum Ass'n	https://statemuseumassociations.org/
For digital exhibits	https://virmuze.com/

Her contact information is rcizon@berrienhistory.org

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C) **“Our Museum and Library”**

Dirk Hughes, Director, Masonic Museum and Library in Grand Rapids, MI

Join Brother Dirk Hughes, Director of the Michigan Masonic Museum and Library, as he takes us on a virtual tour through the Grand Lodge of Michigan's official museum and library. Brother Hughes will not only be discussing the various aspects of the facility itself, but will showcase some of the interesting artifacts housed there as well.

During his talk, Dirk made reference to the following resources –

Resource Mate [cataloging software]	https://www.resourcemate.com/
Fetzer Library	https://www.fetzerlibrary3.com/
YouTube channel	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2F8PEYiQieRLtvqIHgGmLA

His contact information is dhughes@mmcfonline.org

ATTENDANCE

MEMBER	REPRESENTING
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Marie Barnett	Grand Lodge of Virginia
Dick Browning	Past President, MLMA
Mike Burmback	Grand Lodge of Indiana
Cathy Giaimo	Secretary, MLMA; Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Thomas Hauder	Nebraska Masonic Foundation
Dick Hughes	Michigan Masonic Museum & Library
Marshall Kern	Sarnia District Masonic Library
Val Korzśniak	Mt. Holly Lodge No. 14
Mark Megee	John J. Gourgas Library
William Parkyn	Grand Lodge of Alberta
Brian Rountree	President, MLMA; Grand Lodge of Manitoba
Mark Tabbert	George Washington Masonic National Monument; Past President, MLMA
Eric Trosdahl	Treasurer, MLMA
Benny Tucker	Wilbert Curtis Texas PH Library Museum
Tyler Vanice	Vice President, MLMA; George Washington Masonic National Monument
Alexander Vastola	Chancellor Livingston Library, Grand Lodge of New York
Glenn Visscher	Library + Museum of Masonic Culture at Grand Lodge of New Jersey
Glenys Waldman	Past President, MLMA

MEMBER		
Mark Anderson	Sis Mae Ealey	Dean Heitz
Helge Bjorn Horrisland	Robert Kliaman	Wade Massey
Cody Presley	Michael Ramos	Jason Smith

GUESTS
Rhiannon Cizon, Guest Speaker
Hailey Rains, Intern at GL Indiana library & museum
Amanda Smollen, Intern at GL Indiana library & museum
Tony Wright, Guest Speaker

28 Members
4 Guests