

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Cascade Lodge #5
February 9, 2006

A Regular Meeting of Cascade Lodge #5 was held in the Banff Masonic Hall on Thursday February 9, 2006 with 14 Members and 1 Visitor in attendance. Lodge was Tyled at 8:05 PM

The WM greeted all members present.

Sickness

W. Bro. Brookes reported that his wife Shirley not feeling well.

R.W. Bro. Whitebread reported wife Allie recovering from her surgery.

W. Bro. Gerrie reported wife Deb recovering slowly from leg fracture.

Correspondence.

General correspondence read.

Reports

No Financial Report – to be presented at next meeting

Auditors Report – Bro. Nigel Paterson reported that the auditors had reviewed the finances for the fiscal year 2005 and found everything in order.

Old Business

Motion of W. Bro. Jim Craig, Seconded by Bro. Chris Cleary (carried over from January 12, 2006 meeting) that the pictures of the past masters be moved from the foyer of the lodge to the east wall behind the Worshipful Master.

Discussion:

W. Bro. Nolan – emblems on the east wall related directly to the craft and anything else on the wall would detract and be inappropriate.

R.W. Bro. Whitebread – was originally neutral on the motion, however on reflection feels the pictures have value in their current location. They always draw the attention of public and visitors where they are and visitors are more comfortable viewing them in the foyer.

W. Bro. Smith – when giving the “G” Lecture, it would lose it’s appeal if other items were on the wall.

Bro. Paterson – may cause excessive traffic in the east.

W. M. – with more people climbing the stairs to view pictures in the east, it may increase the chance of trips and falls and increase our liability.

The Motion was put to a vote: In Favour 0 Opposed – Unanimous

New Business

R.W. Bro. Whitebread reported that he had been contacted by Karen Faryna, Marriage Commissioner, who was inquiring about the possibility of using the Lodge Room for marriage ceremonies. Some of her clients inquire about historical venues to hold their weddings and she felt that with the strong historical significance of our building it would be an interesting venue. We would be able to generate revenue from each wedding performed in Lodge.

General discussion ensued and Bro. Paterson expressed the opinion that the concept would fit with the setting of Banff National Park and fit with the Heritage Theme that the town is promoting. If the Lodge were to permit this use, it should be made available to all marriage commissioners.

W. Bro. Ty Smith thought it would be a good idea.

W. M. directed the Secretary to do more research with Ms. Faryna on the concept and report back to the Lodge.

DEMITS – Applications for demits from Bro. Larner and Bro. King. Demit applications received in December 2005. Dues were current for both brothers for 2005. Demit was approved for Bro. Larner. Demit for Bro. King held in abeyance. Bro. King is currently obtaining his 2nd & 3rd Degrees from Canam Lodge #19 in Stephenville, Newfoundland. They are conferring these degrees as a courtesy to Cascade Lodge and Bro. King should maintain his membership in Cascade until he completes his degrees and then proceed with his demit.

There being no further business to come before the Lodge it was closed in due and ancient form at 9.20 pm and the brethren retired to the Fred King Room for refreshment and fellowship.

Confirmed in open Lodge March 9, 2006.

WM. _____ Secretary. _____.