

Education and Training Sub-committee 15th November 2007

Present:- D. Young (chair); V. Thomas, D. Jackson, A. Kearsley, G. Crawford, R Hirst, A. Avery

Minutes

D. Young reported that Lodges in the Peterborough and Huntingdon areas had responded quite well to a request to supply programmes for the forthcoming year. This had enabled him to not only identify gaps that could possibly be filled by a lecture/talk/discussion but also those planned 'lectures' that appeared to be of interest.

There then ensued a wide ranging discussion on a wide range of issue pertaining to the development of Education and Training which included a detailed and somewhat technical explanation on the running of electronic data bases and bulletin boards from A. Kearsly which G. Crawford appeared to understand with many others hanging on by the coat-tails.

It was agreed that the development of the data-bases should be in two stages:-

- i) Access only
- ii) Access and contribution (bulletin board)

D. Young suggested that contributions for stage i) – talks etc. - should be forwarded to R. Hirst and/or J. Boughton who would then forward them to A. Kearsly who will be setting up a demo system for the next meeting.

It was agreed that much work needed to be done to get Lodges to break away from the 'we have always done it this way' syndrome and getting them to move toward more regular education/training slots (5min slot at the end of each meeting has been tried with some success). However first we need the data base of material that could be used for training purposes (stage i)

Libraries

A. Kearsley and J. Boughton reported that whilst both libraries appeared to have a wealth of material there did not appear to be any useful classification system and that this needs to be addressed – A.K. and J.B. to liaise

R. Sandbach Lodge – development ongoing.

Inaugural lecture to be given by R. Sandbach at Northampton on 22nd February.

Thereafter a Brother will be invited by the PGM. to prepare and present a paper.

Chapter – D. Jackson

Four areas being discussed

- i) Group liaison officers
- ii) Ed. and Training programme at present used in West Riding.
- iii) R.A. 'road-show at present used in Durham.
- iv) Short address prior to presentation of letter re R.A. after M.M. certificate

Next meeting 17th January 2008 10-30am at Northampton