

## Education and Training Group

Minutes of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 2pm Northampton

**Present;** V. Thomas (chair), R. Hirst, G. Crawford, A. Kearsley, J. Boughton

**Apologies;** T. Sherman, D. Young, J. Benson, D. Jackson

**Minutes of previous meeting;** accepted as a true record

**Matters arising;** none not covered during today's meeting.

### **Reports from sub-groups;**

Libraries and Museums;

J.B. reported that a letter had gone out to all Northampton lodges seeking a volunteer to assist and eventually run the Northampton Library/Museum (also to catalogue the vast number of items). It was report that K. Rogers (IPM of Fitzwilliam) has volunteered to catalogue the library at Peterborough on to a spreadsheet which will be published on the Provincial Web Site ( A Harden assisting in this task). K Rogers has found a number of lecture papers which he is at present trying to organise. Storage is a problem at Peterborough.

R.H. wondered if the artefacts, particularly at Northampton, had been valued etc. and was there a list?

V.T asked if there was anyone who could give talks on said artefacts.

### **L.o.I.**

J.Be. absent

It was generally agreed that L.o.I.'s should consist of two elements 1) Practise, 2) Education

### **Mentoring**

R.H. reported that having waded through that mammoth tome from Grand Lodge it is pleasing to note that in general that Province and Grand Lodge are in agreement.

Meetings with Mentoring Co-ordinators are this year taking place in several centres around the Province and that Brethren are registering their intention to attend.

Mentoring in Lodges is growing and becoming more widely accepted throughout the Province, although there is still some way to go. Some lodges are not totally in line with the Province and where this is recognised R.H. refers them to the Provincial Scheme but commented to the group that we must guard against being too prescriptive. However, it is hoped that through this year's series of meetings, together with a realisation that Grand Lodge sees mentoring as important, those lodges that are slightly out of step will modify their procedures.

It was suggested that Provincial mentoring should appear on the Web Site with a link through to Dailyadvancement.

V.T. pointed out that Mentoring has come a long way and we should be pleased.

R.H. stated that evaluation was the next step but that we should keep it low key.

### **Orations**

D. Young absent( written report submitted)

There is now a whole swath of Orations from Grand Lodge, of varying usefulness!!!

D.Y. is in the process of writing some 5/6min Orations and some are already on dailyadvancement.

He is preparing a list of Lodges for R.H., V.T., D.Y. to visit

R.H. commented that initially there was fierce resistance but that now there is a willingness to listen given good delivery. Giant strides have been made.

### **Demonstrations**

T. Sherman absent (written report supplied)

Lodge Night 1759. V.T. has read it and considers that it has the potential to be a good evening. To be presented in March/April at the Palmer Lodge meeting.

Brethren from all around the Province are involved in all aspects from writing/acting to support.

The Douglas James trust has been approached for financial support ( £5000).

It has been acknowledged that the group will need firm and tangible support.

### **Officer Training.**

R.H. reported that there was nothing new and that annual training continues. The next step was to look back over records to see where regular support from lodges is not being made and subsequently to attempt to gain that support.

This group ought to have some contact/influence in all areas of training albeit through reports of meetings and training programmes.

### **I.T. Data base**

A.K. presented a printout of dailyadvancement together with an analysis of visits to the site. He is aiming to put out a newsletter to all members and to ascertain which lodges have not yet made use of the site in order to contact them.

He is still working on supplied material whilst at the same time he is pleased that people are beginning to comment.

### **I.T. Web site**

G.C. reported that he continues to update the site and will do an end of year review to be published in the Password.

The site has yielded 21 new Masons with 9 in the pipeline and is being used sensibly

### **A.O.B.**

R.H. reported that Bill Carlyle had contacted not R.H. but also W. Williams (Asst. PGM) with a glossary of Masonic Terms which he suggested would benefit the Brethren of the Province as an aid to a deeper understanding of the ritual, giving permission for its general distribution together with an acknowledgement.

The group felt that in principle the idea was sound but that the work would need proof reading if it were to go out under the name of the Province. Doubt was also expressed as to whether a printed format was viable, perhaps use of dailyadvancement could be an option.

J.Bo. to write to Bill Carlyle thanking him for his idea and efforts and that the group were looking to take it further.

**Date of next meeting:- 9th February 2009**