

## MMRS Meeting & Festive Board

August 1, 2016

### Minutes

The annual Festive Board meeting of the Maryland Masonic Research Society was called to order on August 1, 2016, at King's Contrivance Restaurant by Joe Martellotta, Vice-President, acting as President, of MMRS.

Present at the meeting:

#### Officers

President

1VP: Joe Martellotta (acting as President)

2VP Anne-Marie Moody (acting as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)

Treasurer Sharonlee Vogel (acting as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer)

Secretary

Chaplain John Maclay [acting]

#### Members

Catherine Carmichael

Chuck Carmichael

G. Kearve

S. Brent Morris, PP

D. Sandy

James Dean

M. Hueth

Raymond Titeng Sr

Phyllis Lingenfelter

Michael Hugh, PP

S. Dirk Wiker

Mike Taldo

Isabel Taldo

Pierre Gaujard

[Michael Hughes]

#### Guests

Walter Benesch

Joyce Maclay

Dir. Rish

John Breck [who joined this evening]

In total 23 attended including three visitors.

The minutes of April 23, 2016 meeting were approved as posted on the website and referenced in the notice for today's meeting.

Two applications were approved for membership: John C. Breck, who was present, spoken for by Martha Hilton, and Martin Snowden, absent, spoken for by Eric Serejski and Phyllis Lingenfelter. Mr. Breck's membership fee was included in his application. Mr. Martin's membership fee was provided in March 2016.

Bills were presented by the Treasurer and approved:

- \$74.35 for web hosting and Domain name.

- \$1,134.08 Annual Festive Board dinner at King's Contrivance Restaurant.

The following collection (dinner collection, donations, and dues) will be deposited by the Treasurer:

\$ 75.00 dues

\$1,125.00 for the Annual Festive Board dinner

\$50 for five firing glasses purchased

S. Brent Morris, Ph.D., P.P., presented "*New Light on the Gormogons*". The presentation was followed by questions and discussion on the topic.

**Summary:** The Gormogons suddenly appeared in London newspapers in 1724 as a rival to the Freemasons both in exclusivity and antiquity. It had been thought they disappeared in 1732, but new evidence including a previously unrecognized 1733 London play—show that their reputation persisted until the end of the 18th century.

The meeting was adjourned with peace and harmony continuing.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharonlee Vogel,

Acting as Secretary