

Masonic Library & Museum Association

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Annual Meeting – September 20-21, 2019
Detroit Masonic Temple, Archive & Research Center

AJ Welcome and Roll Call

President Brian Rountree opened the meeting with greetings and we introduced ourselves.

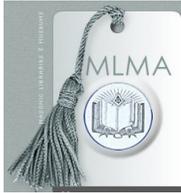
In Attendance:

Brian Rountree	Grand Lodge of Manitoba
Val Korszniak	Mount Holly, New Jersey
Mark Tabbert	George Washington Masonic National Memorial
Cathy Giaimo	The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania
Maureen Harper	Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, NMJ, Lexington, MA
Glenn Visscher	Grand Lodge of New Jersey
Marshall Kern	Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Ivan Bryce	Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Arthur Schlichting	Grand Lodge of Michigan
Mike Bruback	Grand Lodge of Indiana
Tyler Vanice	George Washington Masonic National Memorial
Larry Loyer	Minnesota
Eric Troisdahl	St. Paul's Lodge, Minnesota
Tim Winkle	Smithsonian Institution – National Museum of History
Eldon Yeakel	Grand Lodge of Indiana
Joseph VanDerStett	Grand Lodge of Michigan
Tom Hauder	Grand Lodge of Nebraska
Chris Potts	Grand Lodge of Michigan
Dirk W. Hughes	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Scott Kuzma	?

Several Docents from the Detroit Masonic Temple were also in attendance.

Regrets:

Bill Kreuger	Iowa Masonic Library and Museums
Cristiano Franceschini	Italy
Helge Horrisland	Norway
Heather Calloway	Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana



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B] Approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11 October 2018

A motion was made and seconded by Brian Rountree to approve the 2018 Minutes as circulated. Motion carried.

C) OFFICERS' REPORTS

The following reports were available on the website [www.masonic-libraries.com] and are attached after these minutes--

- a) Secretary's report – Cathy Giaimo
- b) President's Report – Brian Rountree
- c) Europe -- Helge Horrisland
- d) AMMLA [our European counterpart]

There was no report from

- a) Treasurer's report – Eric Trosdahl -- to be sent later
- b) Vice President's Report – Jeff Maynor

A motion was made and seconded by Brian Rountree and Tyler Vanice to accept the reports that were available. Motion carried.

D] New Business

A-- Election of officers for 2019-2021

Motion from Marshall Kern, Val Korszniak that the current Executive remain in office. Mark Tabbert reminded the members that each of the officers must signify their assent.

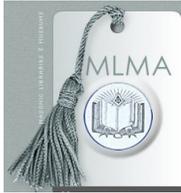
Brian, Cathy and Eric agreed.

We have not heard from Jeff Maynor, the vice-president. As a result, Tyler Vanice offered to take that office.

The movers agreed to a friendly amendment to insert Tyler as Vice President. Motion carried.

B-- 2020 meeting

Dirk Hughes offered to host the 2020 meeting at the
Michigan Masonic Museum and Library
233 Fulton St. E. Ste. 10
Grand Rapids, MI



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The members agreed to this offer.

C-- Member news

Marshall Kern spoke about his contacts with the historical society in the Sarnia area which is in Lambton County, Ontario.

Val Korszniak spoke about our showcase. He has taken it to several Masonic conferences and noted that some of them have display fees.

Motion: Val, Tyler Vanice: to have funds up to \$200 to pay, as required, to have the display at upcoming masonic events where we can advertise MLMA to the attendees.

Carried

Mark Tabbert noted that the Grand Lodge of New York has hired a new librarian and a new curator on the retirement of Catherine Walter and Gloria Hershfeld.

He also mentioned that Quatuor Coronati Lodge in England will be hosting an event in Boston in September 2020.

D-- How can we enhance the value of MLMA?

(a) Brian asked the members to consider two items.

- (i) what features they would like to have on the new website?
 - Return the lists that were on the old site, of members and institutions with contact info
 - Develop a permission form for that
 - Update the page information where needed
 - Add presentations from the annual meetings, i.e. the powerpoints
- (ii) How can we enhance the value of MLMA to our members and the public?
 - The website
 - Continue with the project to revise the Masonic Libraries booklet—get in touch with Rick Lynch of Rhode Island
 - Val using the showcase at various Masonic events
 - Market MLMA to the Grand Lodges → a committee was formed consisting of Tom Hauder, Glenn Visscher, Marshall Kern



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- Add a page for news/blog to the website → post questions from the Yahoo list as well those specifically sent in. Example: Marshall Kern wondered “How does your library handle digital items such as ebooks?”

E] Motion to Adjourn

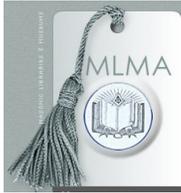
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded by Mike Brumback and Val Korszniak and was carried.

APPROVED AT THE 2020 MEETING

SIGNED:

BRIAN ROUNTREE, President

CATHY GIAIMO, Secretary



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The mission of the Masonic Library & Museum Association is to assist and support, through education, facilitation of communication, coordination of effort, and other means, those individuals charged with the collection, management, and preservation of the Masonic heritage.

6 September 2019

To the members of MLMA:

Greetings,

As I said last year: "A strength of our organization is its ability to visit various member institutions and learn about them and their communities. Our recent practice of having a workday at the host institution provides them with willing hands, expertise, and opportunities for networking among our members."

This year we thank Rob Moore of the Detroit Masonic Temple Library, Archive, and Research Center for being our host and giving us a look into their fabled building and local library and museum collections.

I want to express my thanks for the work of our secretary, Cathy Giaimo, and our treasurer, Eric Troisdahl, for their continued support of the association.

We are doing well at reaching out through our Yahoo Group with questions and answers. I learn something every time that happens because (on the whole) my Canadian library does not have the variety of materials or collections that the rest of our membership does. I see this activity as a strength because we assist, support, communicate, and educate each other.

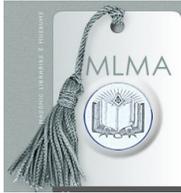
Our Facebook page has steady traffic, usually with different questions or information. This is good for us and for anyone who checks out the page.

Last year the members agreed that we would like to continue working on the *MSA Masonic Libraries* project. Circumstances contrived to block this from happening. However, it gives us the opportunity to discuss whether we want to create a print version, or a listing with links on our website. Please bring your ideas to our meeting.

As reported previously, the website managers had resigned. Then the site became dormant and disappeared from searches. As the time for our Detroit meeting moved closer, I arranged for a new site to be created so that our registration information and revised content could be available. If you haven't already been there, check out www.masonic-libraries.com.

As you can see in the agenda, there are two important decisions to be made.

- 1) this is an election year and the four positions are open—president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer. Please consider carefully whether you might be able to take on one of these offices for the next two years.



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- 2) We need to hear from anyone who is interested in hosting our meeting in 2020 or even 2021 and beyond.

In addition, we should have some discussions on ways we could enhance the value of MLMA not only for our members, but for all Masonic libraries, museums, and archives.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your president for the past two years. I look forward to opportunities to support MLMA and our new officers in the coming years.

Yours truly,

Brian Rountree, President

Secretary's 2019 Report

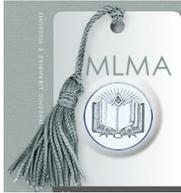
MLMA membership, Sept. 20, 2019	2019	2018
Institutional	94	94
Personal members including Past Presidents	65 9	63 9
Affiliate members	28	28
Removal (death, request)	0	-3
TOTAL	196	191

MLMA gained two Personal Members and none for Institutional Members during 2018-2019. Renewal notices were sent out and as of Sept. 7, 2019, 52 members have paid their 2019 dues.

Cathy Giaimo
Secretary

Treasurer's 2019 Report

To be posted later.



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REPORT ON EUROPEAN EVENTS 2018/2019

The Association of Masonic Museums, Archives and Libraries of Europe (AMMLA) held its annual congress in Bayreuth on 5 and 6 July. It was a return to basics since it was at the Museum of Freemasonry in Bayreuth that the association was created in 1989.

AMMLA is now chaired by the Director of the Bayreuth Masonic Museum, Thad Peterson, its Secretary General is Frank Langenaken, head of the Centre for Masonic Studies and Documentation in Brussels and its treasurer is Jac Pipenbock of the Museum of the Netherlands.

The new director of UGLEs museum in London Vicky Carroll has produced a new development strategy which aims to double its attendance - from 35,000 to 70,000 - over the next five years.

In Paris, Grand Orient's Museum has presented a new way of conservation of the old aprons developed with the help of The Department of French museums.

Hilary Anderson Stelling, the Scottish Rite Museum in Lexington, Boston presented at the AMMLA Congress a program run by various US museums on the first American Masonic degrees.

A new major masonic museum has started in Switzerland, The Swiss Masonic Museum. Director Robin Heizmann and scientific director Christoph Meister are in charge.

In Germany restitution of books from public libraries to lodges is going on. One assumes that at least 30.000 items are in question.

Two major conferences on the history of freemasonry were held in Paris and Bordeaux with a lot of topics relevant for masonic museums, archives and libraries.

Grand Lodge of Austria celebrated its 100th anniversary in November 2018. Program included a conference highlighting the history of Austrian freemasonry.

Fraternally

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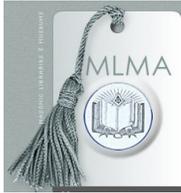
AMMLA 1989 – 2019

CONGRESS BAYREUTH 2019 Thursday 4th July till Sunday 7th July

DECISIONS and COMMUNICATIONS

Robin Heizmann, Masonic Museum Switzerland: Presentation of the new Swiss Freemasonry Museum and application for AMMLA membership. Attachment 1 : the AMMLA Application summary.

The Masonic Museum Switzerland was elected unanimously as a new member of AMMLA.



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Discussion of the Museum from Cristiano in Florence and his wish, that we change the Statutes. Attachment 2 : AMMLA statutes 2005

The participants agree that the “AMMLA statutes” will not be changed.

Overview of the member list : co membership, payment membership fee etc...

The members who did not pay for several years shall receive a reminder and will be asked if they want to stay a member of AMMLA. If they agree they have to pay the membership fee for 2018 and 2019.

When they do not want to be a member anymore, they can still attend the AMMLA Congress as a “guest”, but without voting right.

The classification “co-membership” is not applied anymore.

Adrian Mac Liman

Adrian Mac Liman – Chairman of the “Iberian Centre for Masonic Studies (CIEM) - has been accepted as an “Honorary Member” (Cf. AMMLA statutes § 3 (3)

François ROGNON

The Library of the Grand Loge the France has been named after our former Chairman François Rognon.

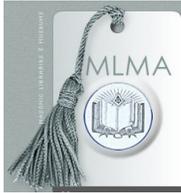
WEBSITE

Blair Kneppens (Cultural Masonic Centre Den Haag – Netherlands) and Robin Heizmann (Masonic Museum of Switzerland) are going to work together to develop a new website.

POLAND

Tadeusz Cegielski, (University of Warsaw) communicates that the masonic collection that is stored at the palace Ciążeń shall be moved to a building in POZNAŃ of the POZNAŃ University.

The Masonic collection of Poznati University Library is one of the biggest of its kind in Europe.



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The AMMLA Congress 2014 (3-6 July) was held at the palace Ciężen.

FACEBOOK

For those who are on facebook ...

AMMLA is also on facebook : Association of Masonic Libraries, Museums and Archives

NEXT CONGRESS

Is not decided yet.

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