

## ***Masonic Library & Museum Association***

**An International Organization of  
Librarians, Archivists, Curators, & Directors**

### **ANNUAL MEETING – 2014 Trenton, NJ**

#### **MINUTES**

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Eric Trosdahl	Minnesota
Brian Rountree	Manitoba
Adam Kendall	California
Cathy Giaimo	Pennsylvania
Glenys Waldman	Pennsylvania
Aimee Newell	Massachusetts
Mark Tabbert	Washington, D.C.
Bill Kreuger	Iowa
Glenn Visscher	New Jersey
Deborah LaPlace	Connecticut
Helge Bjorn Horrisland	Norway
James Dufresne	Maine
Casey Stanislaw	Texas
Bob Stutz	New Jersey
Marcus W Hill	Maryland
Walter Wheeler	Michigan
Donald Ford	Pennsylvania

#### **REGRETS:**

Albert + Virve Martin	Georgia
Hugh Young	Alberta
Diane Clements	London, England
Martin Cherry	London, England
Dennis Buttleman	Pennsylvania
Val Korszniak	New Jersey

## A] OPENING OF BUSINESS MEETING

The President, Adam Kendall, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

R. W. Bro. Anthony W. Montuori, Deputy Grand Master, welcomed us all on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. He then departed to participate in the 2014 Masonic Leadership Conference held at this same time in Elizabethtown, PA.

We introduced ourselves.

## B] REPORTS

### B-1] Minutes and secretary's report – Brian Rountree

Moved/Seconded: Brian Rountree, Deborah LaPlace:

That the Minutes for 2013 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

I handed out copies of our By-laws for future reference. [Also attached to these Minutes]

As Secretary I sent out renewal forms this year and asked for payments to be sent to me: I then forwarded payments to the Treasurer. This helped to update the membership records that we both have.

As of 30 September 2014	2014	PAID UP
Institutional members	81	13
Personal members	45	11
<i>Including Past Presidents</i>	6	6
Affiliate members	29	10
Removal*	- 3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>40</b>

\* includes mail returned; by request; death

These numbers include new members during 2013-2014 hailing from

- Masonic Fund Society of Allegheny County (PA)
- Texas Scottish Rite History Committee (TX)
- Norman G. Lincoln Library for Masonic Research (OH)
- Morrison Masonic Lodge #76 (KY)
- Grand Lodge of Nebraska (NE)
- Casey Stanislaw (Texas)
- Gregory Knott (IL)
- Rubens Monteiro (Brasil)
- Jeffrey Maynor (LA)
- Brett Fisher (CA)
- Laura Willcut (KY)
- Valentin Urziceanu (Romania)

Yahoo reports that we have 83 members in our Group. It would appear, therefore, that 75 members have not been added: an oversight I will attempt to address in the near future.

**This report is presented for Information Only.**

*Brian Rountree, Secretary*

Moved/Seconded: Jim Dufresne, Glenys Waldman:

That the Secretary's report be adopted as circulated.  
Carried.

**B-2) Treasurer's report – Eric Trosdahl -- see Appendix 1**

Glenn Visscher, on behalf of the Treasurer who is on his way to the meeting, presented his report up to 30 September 2014

Moved/Seconded: Mark Tabbert, Jim Dufresne:

That the Treasurer's report be received and accepted.  
Carried.

**B-3) Vice-President's report—Aimee Newell**

Aimee thanked everyone for their continued support of MLMA. She encouraged the members to continue to be involved and to think about next year's elections when the four officers

**B-4) President's report – Adam Kendall**

Adam gave a bit of history around the work day that we will do on Saturday. He thanked everyone for coming and for their continued support during the year.

**B-5) Webmaster's report – see Appendix 2**

Brian Rountree, Secretary, read the report he had received from Ed and Brandy King who are the managers of our website.

Jim Dufresne pointed out that Ed is the Grand Librarian for Maine. Adam Kendall encouraged us to send photos to Ed to go on our site as well as adding them to Facebook.

Motion/Seconded: Brian Rountree, Adam Kendall:  
That we receive the Webmaster's report.  
Carried

### **B-6) Overseas reports – see Appendix 3**

- a) Library and Museum of Freemasonry – Diane Clements / Martin Cherry
- b) AMMLA [*Association of Masonic Museums, Libraries and Archives in Europe*] – Glenys Waldman. The Association's website is <http://ammla.org/jml6/>
- c) Norway -- Helge Bjorn Horrisland

### **C] OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

### **D] NEW BUSINESS**

#### **D-1) Quarry Project Part 2**

Adam Kendall shared a letter received from Jim Dillman of The Masonic Society about The Quarry Project 2. It would take place Friday—Sunday in October 2015 in Indianapolis, IN. The letter invites us to be co-presenters again, with two members on the planning committee, with the responsibility to prepare our curriculum and locate a guest / keynote speaker.

Adam mentioned (as contained in the letter) that we could have some basics (from last year) as well as some advanced material.

The letter indicated that Mike Brumback, PGM, director of the library and museum, is willing to participate.

Mark Tabbert recommended that we agree to participate and be actively working with the scheduling people; there had been some problems with schedule changes last year that caused consternation.

It was mentioned that the Masonic Service Association of North America will be one of the sponsors.

We recognized that we need more information. Nevertheless—

Motion/ Seconded: Adam Kendall, Jim Dufresne:

That we support the concept of The Quarry Project 2, pending further information about our financial and program obligations;

That our representatives shall be Adam Kendall and Aimee Newall; and

That the Executive Committee shall determine where MLMA will meet in 2015 if not in conjunction with the Quarry Project in Indianapolis, Indiana.

CARRIED

## **D-2] Member news**

Around the room with news and views. Highlights include--

a) Bill Kreuger mentioned that the new Iowa Grand Secretary, Craig L. Davis, is encouraging Masonic education. To that end he is proposing that Iowa hold an "American Masonic Enlightenment Conference" during 25-27 June 2015. Among the organizations to be involved are the Philalethes Society, the Phylaxis Society and the Masonic Society. Bill has been asked to see if we would consider sponsorship of one or more speakers for a 3-hour session during the conference.

This sounds interesting and we all concluded that we wanted more information. But we did decide:

Motion, Seconded: Brian Rountree, Jim Dufresne:

That we support the Iowa conference and allow the Executive Committee to authorize a donation to not exceed \$250, pending further information received from Bill Kreuger.

Carried.

b) Following on a discussion we had in 2012, Adam Kendall requested \$1,000 to attend AMMLA in June 2015. The members agreed that it was a good idea for the President to attend this conference.

c) Aimee Newell announced that Catherine Swanson had retired from the National Heritage Museum [the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Inc.] in Lexington, Mass. A new Archivist has been hired: [John Coelho](#).

d) Cynthia Alcorn has retired from the Samuel Crocker Lawrence Library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We have been told that the Grand Historian, R.W. Bro. Walter H. Hunt, is now directing the library.

e) It had been announced that the ICHF 2015 meeting would be held in Ontario, Canada under the joint sponsorship of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and of Brock University. In April 2014 we learned that

the Scottish organizers had withdrawn and that this conference will not take place in Canada. On July 25 an e-mail was sent that included the following:

Dear friends, colleagues and supporters of ICHF it is with regret we inform you, that due to circumstances beyond our control, we will no longer be able to deliver ICHF 2015 in Canada.

## **E] FUTURE MEETINGS**

As noted above, Aimee Newell and Adam Kendall will confirm the dates for The Quarry Project 2 in Indianapolis in October 2015. Adam indicated that if we needed another date, then we should keep in mind that the California Grand Lodge meetings he must attend are October 9-13. Therefore, a possible date would be the weekends of October 16 or 23, 2015.

## **F] ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Glenn Visscher: to adjourn.  
Carried.

APPROVED AT THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Signed:

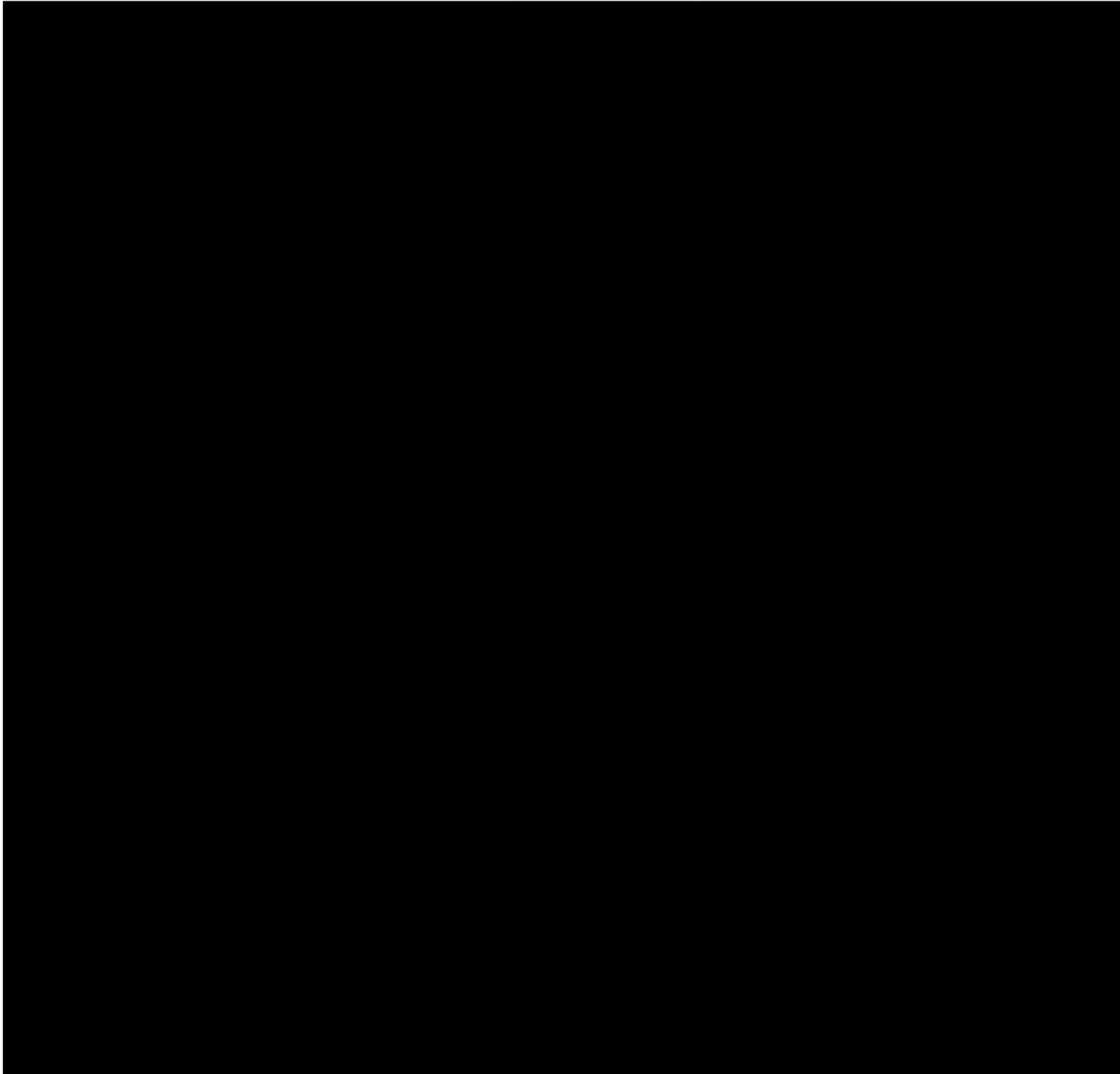
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ADAM KENDALL, President

BRIAN ROUNTREE, Secretary

**APPENDIX 1  
TREASURER'S REPORTS**

**MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ASSOCIATION  
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison  
October 2013 through September 2014**

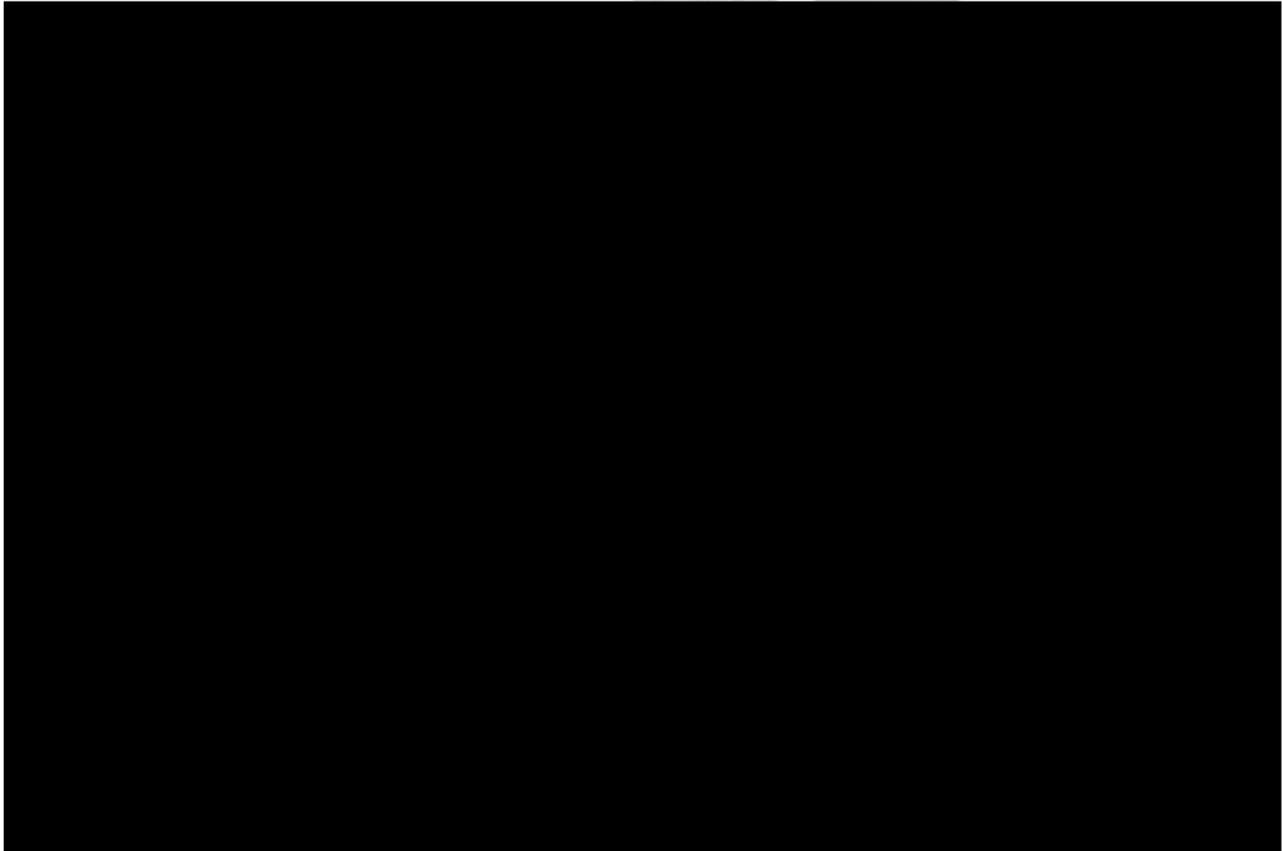


Prepared by Eric J. Trosdahl, MLMA Treasurer

**MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ASSOCIATION**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of September 30, 2014

Sep 30, 14

Sep 30, 13



Prepared by Eric J. Trodahl, MLMA Treasurer

**APPENDIX 2**  
**REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER - 2014**  
*Masonic Library & Museum Association*

Not much to report for the website. We'd like to have more to report but with the exception of SPAM mail, there's not much going on. As we hear of folks changing (as in Massachusetts with Cynthia's retirement), we try to make contact with their successor but this rarely happens.

How about each of you? Can we get a few photos and start a photo gallery? Should we have a 'new events from our members' section where we can report on what you're doing that's significant (got a new LIS, doing an expansion, had a flood, or whatever)??? We've got the Facebook page where Adam has been putting things but we are probably all so busy that we don't get to worry about public relations as a priority.

We'd love to do more – and stand ready for suggestions. Sorry (yet again <SIGH>) that we aren't there with you. Best wishes to all. And THANK YOU for making us Honorary Members. That was VERY gracious of you and much appreciated!

Warmest regards,  
Ed & Brandy King, Your Webmasters

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## APPENDIX 3 OVERSEAS MEMBER REPORTS

### THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF FREEMASONRY, LONDON REPORT TO MLMA 2014

This report is sent with our usual best wishes for a successful and productive annual meeting.

We began this year with the continuation of our exhibition marking 200 years of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England which we called *Excellent Companions*. We were then offered, at fairly short notice, an opportunity to work with the Italian community in London on an exhibition to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a visit by Guiseppe Garibaldi to London in 1864. The few items we had here in the collection were supplemented by loans from several lodges- including the loan of his sword from Lodge Italia- and several private collectors. An Italian semi-professional theatre company did a re-enactment of part of his visit for us one evening which was attended by Garibaldi's granddaughter, an indomitable lady, and many visitors from Italian organisations. The exhibition was very popular with an overseas audience either now living in or visiting London and we achieved record visitor numbers in August.

Our current exhibition, which runs until March 2015, marks the centenary of the start of the First World War which has been the subject of many events and several exhibitions in the UK. The UK government is funding an element of the commemoration of the First World War including (with the Heritage Lottery Fund) the First World War Centenary Partnership led by the Imperial War Museum (IWM), a network of over 1,000 local, regional, national and international cultural and educational organisations from 27 countries around the world. We have signed up to the Partnership in order to benefit from the publicity opportunities it offers and to help develop further links with other collections. Library and Museum staff also contributed to a book accompanying our exhibition called *English Freemasonry and the First World War* which you can buy on line from our shop!

We have signed an agreement with Ancestry.com to digitise and publish (via their websites) the memberships registers of Grand Lodge from 1751-1921. We estimate that there will be more than one million names. Ancestry undertake the transcription of the registers and are scanning the registers to provide the images to support this. We should get a small income from this in due course but the material is unlikely to be available before late 2015. We should have a firm date by the time of your meeting next year!

Much of the second half of this year has been spent working on the design for new additional exhibition space here in Freemasons' Hall where we can install an up to date chronological exhibition about English freemasonry. This is also scheduled to be open in the last quarter of 2015 and will therefore be available for the tercentenary of Grand Lodge in 2017.

Where we can we try to keep adding material to the online catalogue. This year we have continued to add images (photos, engravings etc) of individuals and the catalogue entry often includes a detailed biography. We are also working to enhance catalogue information re provenance, inscriptions etc for books already held.

*Diane Clements/ Martin Cherry*

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## AMMLA -- 2014

Association of Masonic Museums, Libraries and Archives

### Poznan, Poland

Hosted by Poznan University Library-Adam Mickiewicz University and Curator Iuliana Grazyńska.

Our meeting coincided with the opening of a Masonic books and documents exhibit at the University Library in Poznan. After the reception, we were taken by bus to the 18<sup>th</sup>-century former residence of the bishop of Poznan, a palace situated on a hill above the Warta in Ciazyn, southeast of Poznan, where we stayed and had our meetings. As I understand it, when the Communists took over, Adam Mickiewicz University was told essentially to buy the palace. The University renovated it into a fine retreat and meeting center. Since 1969, it has housed most of the Masonic collection of about 80,000 volumes (the rest being at the University Library). The Masonic Collection was formed during WWII when Heinrich Himmler's SS confiscated the collections of Masonic libraries in Germany. This collection remained in Poland after the war, but only since the fall of the Communists has its existence been made known... The University Library and some Masonic Bodies from Poland and Western Europe agreed to make the palace at Ciazyn a center of Masonic research. Some Masonic books were returned to their rightful owners after World War II, but most of the collection remains.

The collection has many Rosicrucian books from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, but most is from 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> -century. The majority of the collection is in German, but there are many in French and English. There is the usual spread of subjects: rituals, monitors, constitutions, symbolism, journals, membership lists, encyclopedias, monographs and occult works.

The conference theme was processing Masonic prints and documents, but as usual, no one really held to that. Peter Back-Vega (Austrian Masonic Museum – in another country residence – Rosenau) spoke on Masonic composers and their music; Pierre Mollier (Grand Orient de France) spoke on Masonic bookplates; Jac Piepenbrock (Masonic Museum of Holland) spoke on “Sharing is the New Collecting!” of which the Czech Republic is a prime example: Jacob Sadilek (Masonic Museum Society, Prague) spoke on Masonic publications in Prague in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The Society has no physical library and museum! There are Masonic items all over the Czech Republic, so there is a virtual collection online!

## Poznan and Environs

Poznan is a pleasant city in west-central Poland, on the Warta River, about half-way between Warsaw and Stettin (on the Oder River at the border with Germany). It was damaged during World War II, but is now rebuilt. Poznan is one of the earliest bastions of Christianity: the first archbishopric was established in 968; and the church that would become the cathedral dedicated to Sts. Peter and Paul, is traced to a rotunda from ca. 965 on the island of Ostrów Tumski, in the Warta River. The cathedral is basically brick Gothic. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pozna%C5%84>.

AMLA also toured another historic palace, Dobrzyca, the residence of Augustyn Gorzeński (1743-1816, a Senator of the Polish Kingdom and aide to King Stanislaus). Dobrzyca was designed by Stanislaw Zawadzki (1743-1806, a late-[baroque](#) and [classical](#) architect, whose work was a precursor of the [Polish empire style](#). He was also a major general of the Army of [Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth](#)). Built between 1795 and 1799, it combines traditional structural elements of a Polish aristocratic seat featuring double wings, but has Masonic symbolism! The grounds include a huge landscaped garden in the English style, from the beginning of the 19th century, and cover two river courses as well as several ponds and channels.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dobrzyca>



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Dobrzyca

*Glenys Waldman, Librarian  
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*

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## Scandinavia

We have had a breakthrough in our efforts to get repatriated the pre-WWII Norwegian Masonic Archives that were stolen by German Security Police in 1941 and have been stored in the Secret Military Archive of CSSR (RGVA) in Moscow since 1945. The agreement is for 950.000 pages of documents. There are still discussions going on about the rest of our defined collection (450.000 pages) and we expect to have an agreement on those, sometime next year.

The agreement is a result of eight years' research done by the Norwegian Grand Lodge, in Moscow, with help from the Norwegian Foreign Ministry and the Norwegian Embassy in Moscow.

Submitted for Information by  
**Helge Bjorn Horrisland**  
Norway

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