

RETENTION OPTION

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Thank you for your attendance to meet with the P.G.Reg., R.W.Bro. Watson and myself. I feel I should establish procedures in connection with your proposals for the future -- as I feel since coming back from holidays and into the middle of all this -- a definite procedure will have to be adopted, as to put it mildly I got the impression that Tom, Dick & Harry were dealing with this.

First and foremost - I wish to thank you for your interest and proposals for our P.M.Hall. I wish to make it clear that I fully appreciate your time and effort put into preparing your proposals and look forward to them being developed and to see what merit their might be in them. While I am P.G.M. I am determined that this is not going to develop the way things did in the past and so that I fully understand attitudes I wish to establish beyond all doubt that I as P.G.M. have your full support - also that no vendettas are still lurking in the background regarding the P.A.C. and its present membership and that you and your consortium will co-operate with this committee. Would you be prepared to disclose the membership of this Consortium in the interests of openness?

Having established this I thank you for your assurances and I hate to say this - there is always a But and in this case a very big But. I have to express my concern and indeed very great disappointment in the manner in which this was presented to the B.G.P.

The P.A.C. and Senior Officers knew nothing of this proposal until a few days before the Monday evening yet this proposal was being investigated by the Consortium some four weeks before this. I understand members of the Board and other Brethren were openly discussing this proposal over the weekend. It put my Senior Officers and P.A.C. in a most humiliating and embarrassing situation. I do not think it was promoting the ethos of F/M. Due and timely warning. It appears to have promoted an element of hostility and aggression amongst a certain element of the Board. Also there appears to be an opinion amongst the Board and Brethren that this presentation was orchestrated -- both very disturbing developments -- and counters my wish in promoting P.L.H. amongst the Brethren. Also I was speaking to W.Bro. Brian

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Hood the evening before I went on holidays and I was not informed or made aware of this forthcoming proposal

I wish to set forth my ideas to be adopted for the future. The P.A.C. continue with their deliberations and deal with all suggestions from whatever source for the future of the Hall and will ultimately be responsible for any recommendations the P.A.C. make to the Board and P.G.L. they having been appointed by P.G.L. The P.A.C. will liaise with those submitting suggestions for the P.M.Hall. All correspondence from the Consortium will be submitted through the office for the attention of W.B. Ivan Gillespie (Assistant to the Secretary) who will be responsible for redirecting the correspondence to those dealing with the particular matter e.g. the Chairman of the P.A.C. I understand recent mail may have gone unattended and I apologise for this. Should matters arise which the Consortium or Committee feel the need for another opinion the P.G.M. should be contacted.

We are all very aware of P.G.L. By-laws and in view of recent events and if we have a genuine interest in the future of our P.M. Hall I earnestly request that we do nothing to fuel further discontent amongst our Brethren and so ensure a smooth passage for the future.

One other important point which I wish to clarify with R.W. Bro. Watson is -- Were the agreements not firm and final agreements as I understand statements are being made that these are only intermediate agreements.

RT 27/5/08 5/5