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Note :

- Our February meeting will be held at the new renovated Lindsay Jail Museum on Victoria Street North and not at the Masonic Temple.



Next Month's Guest Speaker ?

- John Macklem, who is the President of the Victoria County Historical Society.

Meeting Highlights

- Due to the completion of the roof repairs at the Masonic Temple, we were finally able to hold our monthly meeting back at our regular location for the first time in many months.
- The newly planned/designed meeting agenda was implemented :
 - from 10:00 to 10:30am all members had the opportunity to meet and greet fellow members, along with enjoying the usual refreshments (coffee, muffins and butter tarts);
 - at 10:30am., President Stewart called the meeting to order.
- President Stewart announced that the usual singing of "Oh Canada" to start our meeting would not take place because of the lack of musical accompaniment at that time.
- He then called upon Milt Battersby (Health and Welfare) to inform the group of medical issues concerning any of our members at the present time.
 - Milt informed the group that Gord Sloan was in the hospital with circulation problems in his legs and he would pass on any further information as it is made available (Hospital - 705-324-6111 – Ext. 4731).
- Next President Stewart extended a warm welcome to a number of guests that were present at our meeting and asked their sponsors to introduce them to the membership.
 - Club member Bryan Olson introduced his guest, Harry Newton;
 - Club member Bob Barkwell introduced his guest, Ron Baldwin;
 - Club member Ron Wysynski introduced his guest, D'Arcy McGee;
 - Club member Calvin Yake introduced his guest, Ted Howes;
 - Past President Bruce Faulkner introduced two guests, Ron Willcocks and John Coxon.
- President Stewart called upon Past President Bruce to pass on some information regarding a new flag that was mailed to him from Major Leo Phillips.
 - as you may remember, Major Phillips took part in our Remembrance Day program and was also our guest speaker that day at the Lindsay Inn;
 - he wished to present our club with a special flag, it is a replica of the flag that is on display whenever the Joints Chief of Staff meet;
 - this flag cannot be purchased through any vendors; therefore we should consider it a very special honour to have one for our own with many thanks to Major Phillips;
 - the flag has three symbols displayed on it, they represent all three detachments of our Canadian arm forces (army, navy, and air force);
 - it will take its' special place beside our Canadian flag at the front of Masonic Temple during our meetings from now on.
- He then informed the group about two up-coming events :
 - first, the "Spring Fling" which will be held in the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough, Ontario during the month of May;
 - Secondly, "Probus Rendezvous 2011" will be held in Vancouver, Canada, September 13th thru 15th.
 - Vice President, Max Radiff, will be passing on additional information regarding these events as it becomes available to him.



Inspector Mark Mitchell, Operations Inspector for the City of Kawartha Lakes and club member Stan Hill.



Inspector Mitchell at Camp Nathan Smith, Kandahar



Memorial area honouring Canadian men and women who died serving our country.

- He also informed the membership about next month's venture to tour the newly renovated Lindsay's Jail Museum. He stated that more information would be passed on to the membership as the arrangements were finalized.
- Next he called upon Ron Morgan to explain the "Who AM I" program :
 - during every meeting, approximately four or five members will be handed "Who AM I" forms (these are rough forms and not official copies to be filed);
 - these members will be asked to take these forms home, fill in the appropriate /required information and hand it back at the next meeting;
 - Information can be entered a couple of ways :
 - print the appropriate information directly on the form;
 - information can be printed or typed on a separate piece of paper (be sure to enter the question heading first and then appropriate information directly under it);
 - once these forms are filled in and collected, Gerald will re-enter the information on the official forms and they will be filed in a new Probus binder that he has been created for this purpose.
- Next President Stewart introduced our very special guest, Inspector Mark Mitchell, who is presently the Operations Inspector for the City Kawartha Lakes Police Department.
- His presentation was created around his own experiences as a member of the International Policing Branch that was put in place in Afghanistan:
 - his journey started by applying for a temporary position that was made available by the RCMP International Policing Branch;
 - His application pass on to and approved by the appropriate Canadian military and governmental officials connected to this project;
 - and finally the approval of the Government Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for his entry into their country for deployment .
- He went on to outlining a brief history of how this little country became the focus of the International World and why NATO (Canada, United States, etc.) become involved within this conflict.
- He also related to his own personal involvement with the different policing forces that were put in place to police this region :
 - Afghanistan National Police;
 - Afghanistan Border Police;
 - Afghanistan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP).
- He spoke to other topics during his term (just to name a few):
 - his living accommodations (small but private space);
 - the tremendous progress that is being achieved concerning the policing of this war torn area;
 - a very special memorial area set up in the Canadian compound that displays individual plaques to honour the men and women that had died while serving their country.
- Upon completion he was given a standing ovation by the membership for his courageous commitments that he put forth /displayed during his tour of duty in this troubled area of the world on our behalf the Canadian people.
- He was then thanked and presented with a Probus crystal stein by Stan Hill on behalf of the membership for his exceptional presentation.
- President Stewart adjourned the meeting as the last order of business and a then a number of members travelled to the Grand Experience Restaurant for a light luncheon.

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