



## Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Dec. 5, 2015

Parrsboro

Minas Lodge #67

Meeting opened at 3:20pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 23 brother masons from the Cumberland District (plus a visitor) were in attendance for the meeting for a total of 24 brothers. The meeting was held just after the Annual District Meeting.

NAME	LODGE
VW Bro. Glen Manthorne	Acacia #8
RW Bro. George Anderson	Acadia #13
Bro. Gordon Cowie	Widow's Son #48
RW Bro. Bill Merriam	Widow's Son #48
Bro. Gerald Cormier	Minas #67
Bro. John Atkinson	Minas #67
VW Bro. Rick Harvey	Minas #67
RW Bro. Robert Yorke	Minas #67
Bro. Amos Margeson	Laurie #70
RW Bro. Archie St Peter	Laurie #70
W Bro. Justin Simons	Laurie #70
Bro. Grant Jackson	Laurie #70

NAME	LODGE
W Bro. Dwight Gallagher	Laurie #70
Bro. Darin Pettis	Laurie #70
VW Bro. Graeme Bales	Wimburn #75
W Bro. Larry Murray	Wimburn #75
RW Bro. Alan Linkletter	King Edward #86
Bro. Jim Sicheri	King Edward #86
Bro. Willard Hudson	Alexandra #87
W Bro. Larry Ross	Alexandra #87
RW Bro. Jack Boyd	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
Bro. Alfie Fisher	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. John Cameron	John Albro #122

## MINUTES

A motion to approve the last published minutes for Sept. 24 , 2015 was moved by W Bro. Amos Margeson and 2nd by RW Bro. George Anderson. Motion carried.

## AGENDA

Motion to allow us to deviate from the published Agenda as necessary was moved by RW Bro. Archie St Peter and 2nd by Bro. Grant Jackson. Motion carried.

## SICKNESS AND REGRETS

RW Bro. Yorke reported on two brothers who were not well.

## BUSINESS

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - RW Bro. Phil Adams was not present but he sent in his report which was read by the secretary.

Balance as of Oct. 31 was \$691.03

A \$100 cheque was received from Laurie Lodge.

We have one outstanding cheque for the Drama Costumes of \$114.02

This brings the Bank Balance to \$677.01

He also noted that with Acadia Lodge going into Darkness we now have 8 lodges instead of 9. Therefore an adjustment will have to be made for the 2015-2016 assessment.

This brought a comment from RW Bros. Yorke and Boyd. Apparently a lodge can only

go into Darkness if it has 75% of its members in favour. Acadia did not have 75% of its total membership. This has now gone to the Board of Jurisprudence for a decision.

**WEBSITE** - VW Bro. Gaul presented the website bill for the year. It amounted to \$38.90. Since this is under what was OK'd in the budget (\$75) there was no need for a motion to approve the payment of it. He will pass it over to the treasurer for payment.

## DEGREE DRAMA TEAM

The Drama Team has been very active this year. It will go where asked. It is always looking for and willing to welcome new members. If you wish to help out, please get in touch with RW Bro. Phil Adams.

## TRAVELING GAVEL

The Chairman spoke of the new rules for the Traveling Gavel. A schedule is being sent to the secretaries. The master of the lodge is responsible to see that it is taken to the next lodge. The WM and the Secretary (plus other brothers who can accompany them) are to take it to the next lodge. They are also responsible to see that someone provides a short Masonic Education

presentation that is enlightening and entertaining at that time. The Secretaries are responsible for the safekeeping , the exchange and the recording, number of visitors etc (The District Association may consider rewarding the Lodge who had the greatest number of brothers accompanying their visit ??? )

Should a Lodge for any reason be unable to deliver the Gavel to its scheduled destination on the proposed date then the giving Lodge and the receiving Lodge shall both attend at the next Lodge on the schedule .

This will happen when two lodges will be bringing the T. Gavel to Alexandra Lodge in the new year. (Jan. 14th.)

### Schedule for 2015/ 2016 Season

Wimburn to Wallace Sept 14  
 Wallace to Laurie October 19  
 Laurie to Minas Nov 16  
 Minas to Acacia December 3  
 Acacia to Alexandra Jan 14  
 Alexandra to Widow Son Feb 16  
 Widow Son to Wimburn March 16th

## WAYS & MEANS - SOCIAL COMMITTEES

### Ways and Means

Both chairpersons for the two committees were not present. One of the members, W Bro. Ross, reported for the Ways and Means. He said he and W Bro. Gallagher were discussing it. In some places things such as Turkey Burger Sales go well in other places special dinners help to raise money. They suggested that sometime in the new year such sales may be tried with Alexandra and Acacia in Amherst and Laurie in Springhill.

## INTERPROVINCIAL LODGE DAY

VW Bro. Gaul reported that the day went extremely well. We had around 119 brothers attending from the three provinces of NS, NB and PEI. 63 from NS, 30 from NB and 26 from PEI. The GMs from all three jurisdictions were there plus a lot of other grand lodge officers and numerous other

brothers right from the Entered Apprentice up to the Master Masons.

Next year the meeting will be held at Mount Moriah Lodge #15 in Bedeque, PEI.

They will be the host and as such will open the lodge. NS, represented by Alexandra

Lodge will do the Masonic Education and a NB lodge will do the closing.

In 2017 NS will be doing the Closing of the lodge. As our district is the closest to the border in NS we will have to do the closing ceremony. It will be up to our district to decide how we should do this - should one

lodge be responsible or should we have two or more lodges share the responsibility? Perhaps this is something that the CDMA could decide at our next meeting.

Please visit the website to see pictures of the 2015 event. <http://masons3.wix.com/ipday>

## BOGP

RW Bro. Jack Boyd gave a brief run down on the most recent meeting of the BOGP. His full report is posted on the CDMA website. <http://cumberlandmasons.ca/bogp-nov-28-2015-report.php>

RW Bro. Linkletter thanked RW Bro. Boyd for his service during the last three years of his term and for allowing his name to stand for another term.

## 2015 - 2016 CHARITY

The Chairman said that as regards our charities, the scholarships at NSCC will continue and is paid for from the funds we get from each lodge. Last year our other charities were CEIP and DeMolay. Do we continue with these or are there other suggestions?

W Bro. Justin Simons made a motion that we keep them the same. Seconded by RW Bro. Boyd. Bro. Amos suggested that we look at the percentage that is given to the two charities. Should it be 75% CEIP 25% DeMolay? Comment was made that we should find out how much the DeMolay needs this year before making our decision.

A vote was taken on keeping the charities the same. This was voted on by all present. Motion carried.

## NEXT MEETING & CLOSING

The chairman, RW Bro. Alan Linkletter, extended Christmas greetings to all.

VW Bro. Rick Harvey rose to inform the CDMA that the Sunshine Fund collected at the Annual Meeting amounted to \$249 (On recount is was \$249.85). This was to be given to the CDMA. It will be passed over to the Treasurer.

The next meeting will be:

**February 25, 2016 at Alexandra Lodge #87 at 7:30pm.**

The closing of the meeting was moved by RW Bro. St. Peter and 2nd by Bro. Grant Jackson.

Meeting closed at **4:03pm**