



## Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2016

River Hebert

King Edward Lodge #86

Meeting opened at 7:34pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 18 brother masons from the Cumberland District were in attendance for the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone and thanked King Edward for hosting the meeting.

NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Bill Merriam	Widow's Son #48
RW Bro. Robert Yorke	Minas #67
Bro. Amos Margeson	Laurie #70
RW Bro. Archie St Peter	Laurie #70
W Bro. Norm Rushton	Laurie #70
Bro. Free Fraser	Laurie #70
Bro. Mike McClary	Wimburn #75
Bro. Terry Porteous	Wimburn #75
RW Bro. Rob Campbell	Wimburn #75

NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Phil Adams	Wimburn #75
VW Bro. Scott McNairn	King Edward #86
RW Bro. Alan Linkletter	King Edward #86
W Bro. Jim Sicheri	King Edward #86
Bro. Fred Jackson	King Edward #86
W Bro. Larry Ross	Alexandra #87
RW Bro. Jack Boyd	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
Bro. Alfie Fisher	Alexandra #87

### MINUTES

Bro. Margeson moved that the minutes of the Feb. 25, 2016 meeting be approved. 2nd by RW Bro. Merriam, Motion carried.

### AGENDA

Motion to allow us to deviate from the published Agenda as necessary was moved by Bro. Amos Margeson and 2nd by RW Bro. Rob Campbell. Motion carried.

## **SICKNESS AND REGRETS**

RW Bro. Yorke reported that Bro. Ken Snowden had an operation but is not doing very well.

RW Bro. Linkletter reported that he had a call from RW Bro. Anderson. He had just gotten back from a specialist appointment in Halifax and would not be able to make the meeting. He sent his regrets.

It was also mentioned about SGW RW Bro. Cody was in the hospital. Notices have been sent around to all the brothers about his condition.

## **BUSINESS**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that we had \$730.03 at the beginning of our year (May 1, 2015) and we are ending our year (May 31, 2016) with \$1,011.88 in our account.

He moved the adoption of his report. It was seconded by RW Bro. Boyd. Motion carried.

During the report RW Bro. Boyd asked about the money we are supposed to set aside for the Regalia Repairs. It was decided that there should be a separate column in the finance ledger for this. This way we know we can not spend this money for anything else.

### **DEGREE DRAMA TEAM**

RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that they had a very good year. He thanked all the brothers who had taken part.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

RW Bro. Bill Merriam reported for the Audit Committee. He said they had found the finances to be correct. Motion to accept the report was made by RW Bro. Campbell and seconded by Bro. Porteous. Motion carried.

### **TRAVELING GAVEL**

At present it is at Wimburn and is going to Acacia next Thursday. This has worked very

well this year and the Traveling Gavel has made the rounds of the lodges twice this year!

Bro. Porteous said that there was some talk that we should revert to the old way that we did this Traveling Gavel but because things had worked so well he moved that things remain as they are for the foreseeable future.

## **WAYS & MEANS - SOCIAL COMMITTEES**

No report from the Social Committee but W Bro. Ross reported for the Ways & 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 hope that something may work to pull these off in the fall.

## **BOGP**

RW Bro. Jack Boyd said that he was not able to attend the last meeting but he felt that there was a better feeling at the BOGP meetings with more open discussion taking place.

The chairman thanked our BOGP Rep for all the work he has done for us at these meetings.

### **Shared Funding**

The Chairman said that he had applied to the Masonic Foundation of NS for the bursaries for the NSCC in Springhill. The RW Bro. Robert York will present the two \$1,000 bursaries on our behalf.

We have no money to give to CEIP or the DeMolay from CDMA this year. Hopefully next year will be better.

However, Widow's Son and Wimburn will each be giving cheques for \$1,000 to CEIP. Also Widow's Son is donating \$1,000 to Autumn House.

Minas Lodge is giving \$1,000 bursary to Springhill and \$200 to the Spook-a-rama in Parrsboro.

### **Election of Officer**

This is the year we have to elect a new Chairman of the CDMA. Nominations were called for after the present chairman said he felt someone else should step forward and try to grow our organization. He has been in the post now for 4 years. Two names were put forth. RW Bro. Linkletter and RW Bro. Merriam. RW Bro. Merriam had to decline because his plate is too full now. RW Bro. Linkletter went back in for another two years by acclamation.

RW Linkletter thanked everyone for their support. He said if anyone has any ideas about what we can do, please let him know.

### **Annual Communication**

Don't forget it is June 3 & 4 in Truro.

### **Interprovincial Lodge Day**

September 24, 2016

Charlottetown, PEI

VW Bro. Gaul brought up the fact that this year our jurisdiction is responsible for the Masonic Education. After much discussion it was decided that our secretary should write to our Grand Lodge and ask for their input as it is all of the masons of NS that are invited to this 3 province gathering not just our Cumberland District.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

**Year In Review:** RW Bro. Adams rose to make some comments on the work of the CDMA both pros and cons:

He said that before the Traveling Gavel was having great difficulty getting around the district, now this year, it has made the rounds twice. The Drama Team has grown and is doing very well. Our budget is on track.

On the negative side we did not do so well with our Social Committee and Ways and Means committees. These are something we need to work on improving. Also we as lodge brothers have not been great in getting around to support our DDGMs. We should all try to go to the lodges when they are making their official visits. WE all know how great it is when we have a good turn out at lodge and how much of a downer it is when we have very few attending a meeting.

**Insurance:** Comment from Bro. Fred Jackson which was elaborated on by RW Bro. Linkletter. King Edward had their insurance premium greatly reduced this year through a lot of work and changes made on their part. To find out more, if your lodge is interested, please contact the CDMA chairman.

**Fundraiser for Boy Scouts:** The incoming DDGM, W Bro. Norm Rushton, read a letter asking for help for the scouts. A number of them are planning to attend the Canadian Jamboree in July 2017 and they need a lot of financial help. They are not looking for handouts but if anyone has anything they need done that the boys could do, please get in touch. The letter will be placed on the CDMA website in the near future.

### **DDGM'S MESSAGE**

RW Bro. Linkletter thanked the DDGM, RW Bro. York, and all his line officers for their work this past year. He especially commented on the excellent Church Service that was held Port Greville.

The DDGM, RW Bro. Robert Yorke, thanked all for our support this year. He had a great year. He was very pleased with all those who turned out for the Church Service. He wished his successor, W Bro. Rushton, all the best. He enjoyed his year and plans to continue visiting as much as he can.

### **NEXT MEETING & CLOSING**

The next meeting will be:

**September 22, 2016 in River Philip at 7:30pm.**

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