



## Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Sept. 22, 2016

River Philip

Hosted Jointly by Wimburn, Widow's Son and Laurie Lodges

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 11 brother masons from the Cumberland District were in attendance for the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone and thanked the River Philip and area lodges for hosting the meeting.

NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Bill Merriam	Widow's Son #48
VW Bro. Gary Sterling	Widow's Son #48
W Bro. Norm Rushton	Laurie #70
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
RW Bro. Jack Boyd	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
W Bro. Jim Hannon	Alexandra #87

### MINUTES

RW Bro. Bill Merriam moved that the minutes of the May 26, 2016 meeting be approved. 2nd by W Bro. Norm Rushton. Motion carried.

### AGENDA

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

### SICKNESS AND REGRETS

It was reported that Bro. Gerald Spence is in the hospital. Also Bro. Alison Chapman of Acacia Lodge #8 has been transferred to the Shannex in Amherst and would love to have masonic visitors.

Regrets were received from RW Bro. George Anderson, W Bro. Larry Ross and Bro. Alfred Fisher.

## BUSINESS

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that as of the end of August we have \$871.86 in the bank.

**ANNUAL BUDGET** - Some discussion was had regarding our budget for the 2016-2017 CDMA year. We are now 8 lodges instead of 9. Should we increase the dues per lodge? The final decision was to reduce some of the items on the budget, namely, the secretary's bill, the website and the DDGM's allotment. It was moved by Bro. Terry Porteous and seconded by RW Bro. Rob Campbell that our budget would be:

Adult Bursary \$500, Website \$50, Secretarial Supplies \$50, Dist. Meeting & DDGM Expenses \$125, Dist. Degree Team \$50, Regalia Maintenance \$25. Total \$800.

This makes the dues remain at \$100 per lodge. Motion carried.

For the record RW Bro. Jack Boyd stated that this setting of the budget should have been done at the annual meeting, that was the May 26th meeting.

### WEBSITE

VW Bro. Michael Gaul noted that since the last major changes on the website in March of 2015 we have had 2,128 visitors! Also on the Blog page which was started in January of this year 2016, we have had 2,856 hits! Please remember to take pictures of any events at your lodge and send them to him so they can be put on the website or blog.

### DEGREE DRAMA TEAM

RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that they will be doing another drama next month there in

River Philip. Four new brothers are being raised.

### TRAVELING GAVEL

It is with Wallace and supposed to be going to Alexandra in September. That did not happen, so hopefully it will get there in October.

### INTERPROVINCIAL LODGE DAY

This Saturday, Sept. 24th, is the day. It is being held in Charlottetown. Registration opens at 1pm with the Lodge opening at 2pm. A Roast Beef supper is served at 5pm. for \$20. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend this year. Visit the website to see more about it and pictures of it once the day is over.

<http://masons3.wixsite.com/ipday>

Nova Scotia is responsible for the Masonic Education this year. The Grand Lecturer is planning to go and present it for N.S.

### WAYS & MEANS - SOCIAL COMMITTEES

The chairman has emailed the members who are on the committees to see if they will remain for this new year. Bro. Gallagher has asked to be removed. Bro. Saulnier is working in Toronto now and can not still be involved, W Bro. Ross has said he will remain. Volunteers are needed. Bro. Porteous said he would go on the Ways and Means. One more is needed for the Ways and Means and one more for the Social Com.

### BOGP

RW Bro. Boyd said he had not been informed of the last meeting so he did not attend and

thus had no report. The DDGM, RW Bro. Rushton, was there and he gave a very good report. When the minutes come out they will be placed on our website.

### **PR COMMITTEE**

W Bro. Jim Hannon told the meeting that any thing we want to put on the radio or paper just give it to him and he will do it for us. He said that the radio does put the public service announcements on free of charge but you are free to make a donation.

He also had an idea to get our masonic info out to the public. There was talk of making a parade float that could be used around the province when a community had a parade. This can take a lot of time and money to

move from one place to another. His suggestion was to make a blow up type float that could be deflated and easily shipped from one place to another.

### **FRIEND-TO-FRIEND**

VW Bro. Gaul told the meeting that Alexandra Lodge is planning a Friend-to-Friend for sometime in November. W Bro. Ross is heading this and more info will be sent around to the lodges when the date is set. The last one that was held in the district was at Laurie Lodge and a number of new brothers was the result. Please keep this in mind. Everyone will be welcome and encouraged to bring an interested friend with them.

### **DDGM'S MESSAGE**

RW Bro. Norm Rushton, our new DDGM, thanked us for putting our faith in him for the ensuing year. It is a lot of work and he will do his best to fill the position for us. He then gave a summary of the meeting which will be in the minutes on the website when they are made available. We should note that the Grand Lodge dues per member have gone up by \$2.00 to \$37.36 for 2017.

As most of the membership know he is heavily involved in the Boy Scouts and they are fund raising at present. He will be presenting their case to the district at our next meeting asking for us to add them to the charities we support.

### **NEXT MEETING & CLOSING**

The next meeting will be:

**November 24, 2016 in River Philip at 7:30pm.**

It again will be hosted jointly by Wimburn, Widow's Son and Laurie Lodges. Alexandra Lodge will host the February 23, 2017 meeting in Amherst.

The closing of the meeting was moved by W Bro. Jim Hannon and 2nd by RW Bro. Rob Campbell.

Meeting closed around 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by VW Bro. Michael Gaul ( CDMA Secretary )