



## Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

Sept. 28, 2017

River Philip

Hosted by Widow's Son, Wimburn & Laurie Lodges

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 12 brother masons from the Cumberland District were in attendance for the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone.

NAME	LODGE	NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Bill Merriam	Widow's Son #48	VW Bro. Scott McNairn	King Edward #86
W Bro. Ron Haylock	Wimburn #75	RW Bro. Jack Boyd	Alexandra #87
RW Bro. Rob Campbell	Wimburn #75	W Bro. Larry Ross	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Ned Douglas	Wimburn #75	VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
RW Bro. Phil Adams	Wimburn #75	Bro. Alf Fisher	Alexandra #87
RW Bro. Alan Linkletter	King Edward #86	RW Bro. George Anderson	Wallace #76

### MINUTES

W Bro. Ron Haylock moved that the minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting be approved. 2nd by W Bro. Larry Ross. Motion carried.

### AGENDA

Motion to allow us to deviate from the published Agenda as necessary was moved by W Bro. Larry Ross and 2nd by RW Bro. Bill Merriam. Motion carried.

### SICKNESS AND REGRETS

RW Bro. Bill Merriam reported on the death of RW Bro. Dick Cameron. Our brother had not been feeling well since a cold/flu in the winter but just thought that was all it was. In July they thought he had pneumonia but it turned out to be cancer. He died on Sept. 18th and his Ceremony of Life is this Saturday, Sept.30.

RW Bro. Alan Linkletter reported the death and read the obituary of Bro. Bud Boran from Laurie Lodge in Springhill who died on Sept. 23rd.

RW Bro. Phil Adams mentioned another brother who had died and his family had not known that they could have had a Masonic Service. The lodges have to be more vigilant in making sure that the members let their families know that they can have a Masonic Service, if anything happens to them. (That is, if they want a Masonic Service.)

RW Bro. Linkletter also extended condolences to RW Bro. Rob Campbell on the recent death of his father.

Regrets from our DDGM, RW Bro. Graeme. He is not doing well the last few weeks and is unable to be here tonight.

## BUSINESS

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - RW Bro. Phil Adams reported that we have \$936.31 in the bank. He made a motion to accept his report. This was seconded by RW Bro. Bill Merriam. Motion carried.

### WEBSITE

VW Bro. Michael Gaul reported that the website, for the period September 2016 to September 2017, had 958 visitors. Our CDMA Blog with pictures and news of the district happenings had 676 visits from January to September 2017. For the whole of 2016 we had only 430. This is very encouraging as it shows a great increase in the number of brothers dropping by our blog site.

### TRAVELING GAVEL

The T. Gavel was brought to King Edward Lodge in June by Minas Lodge. They had hoped to deliver it to another lodge in September but that did not happen. They are now planning to take it to one of the River Philip lodges in October.

### WAYS & MEANS

W Bro. Ross reported that he has been looking in to holding a Dart Night for the district. He spoke to the brothers of the Amherst Masonic Society and they see no reason why we can not have a night to hold such an event. This will be open to all brothers and their wives and prospective masons in Cumberland County. A date will soon be set (sometime in October or November) and the secretary will notify the lodges of the district. All profits from the night will go to the CDMA charity.

There was no report from the **Social Comm.** The committee is in need of a chairman. **Any volunteers?** The purpose of this committee is to try to come up with at least one time a year to hold a social event for the masons to attend - it could be as simple as going to a hockey game together or more involved as organizing a dinner, etc.

**Public Relations** - no report.

### DEGREE TEAM

RW Bro. Adams reported that they are ready and willing to do a degree but they have had no requests yet this year.

### INTERPROVINCIAL LODGE DAY

VW Bro. Mike Gaul spoke about the upcoming 4th Annual Interprovincial Lodge Day. This year it is to be held in Moncton hosted by Acacia Lodge #49 at 115 Queen Street. The date is this coming Saturday, September 30th. There was a change in the schedule due to conflicts with another concordant body event. Thus there is a social early in the afternoon with the meal starting at 4pm. The main meeting is to start at 5:30pm. They also wanted to have the brothers let them know if they were coming and if they were wanting a meal. The meal also had to be paid for in advance. Hopefully a good number of Cumberland District brothers will be able to attend. A few brothers from Alexandra are going for the meeting not the meal. If you are doing this, you should try to be there around 5pm.

**BOGP**

RW Bro. Boyd reported on two items of interest:

- the proposed budget for Grand Lodge. This has now been sent out for all brothers to have a look at and discuss at their next meeting. Please note that the assessment for 2018 has gone up slightly. It will be \$38.28 per member. (In 2017 it was \$37.36) This is mainly due to the declining number of masons in the jurisdiction.
- secondly, at the recent BOGP meeting they had a workshop to look at the document Leading N S Freemasons Into the Future. It dealt with a number of topics and ideas but two of the most important were Recruitment and Masonic Education.

From his report there was some discussion by RW Bro. Anderson and others on mentoring and keeping our meetings interesting and making them something the brothers look forward coming to each month.

RW Bro. Linkletter said that the DDGM has some ideas he is working on but could not be here tonight because he is not feeling well.

**DISTRICT MEETING**

RW Bro. Linkletter said that the DDGM has set the **Annual District meeting for November 15th in River Philip**. Supper will be at **6pm with meeting to follow**. The GM is scheduled to be in attendance.

**CDMA CHARITY**

RW Bro. Adams asked if there are any suggestions for a charity for next year. We will be choosing it at the November meeting. Please be thinking of this.

**THANK-YOU**

RW Bro. Rob Campbell thanked the brothers for the support he received when his father passed away. He also mentioned that he was recently to Keith Lodge #23 in Stellarton where the charter was draped in honour of his father. He said it is a very beautiful lodge and well worth a visit.

**NEXT MEETING & CLOSING**

The next meeting will be:

**Nov. 23 at 7:30pm in Parrsboro, hosted by Minas Lodge.**

RW Bro. Linkletter noted that **we had two lodge masters** in attendance tonight.

He then thanked the lodges of Wimburn, Widow's Son and Laurie for hosting tonight's meeting.

RW Bro. Bill Merriam moved that the meeting be closed. This was seconded by RW Bro. Campbell.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

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