



Cumberland District Masonic Association Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2019
Alexandra Lodge #87
Amherst, NS

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with RW Bro. Alan Linkletter as Chairman. 17 **brother masons** from the Cumberland District were in attendance for the meeting plus our guest speaker, RW Bro. Rick Crawford, Grand Lecturer. The chairman welcomed everyone for such a good turn out. Also the brothers present introduced themselves.

NAME	LODGE
W Bro. Derrah Reid	Acacia Lodge #8
RW Bro. Bill Merriam	Widow's Son #48
Bro. Darin Pettis	Laurie Lodge #70
Bro. Amos Margeson	Laurie Lodge #70
RW Bro. Norm Rushton	Laurie Lodge #70
RW Bro. Archie St Peter	Laurie Lodge #70
RW Bro. Graeme Bales	Wimburn #75
RW Bro. George Anderson	Wallace #76

NAME	LODGE
RW Bro. Alan Linkletter	King Edward #86
VW Bro. Scott McNairn	King Edward #86
Bro. Willard Hudson	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Tom Osborne	Alexandra #87
W Bro. Larry Ross	Alexandra #87
VW Bro. Michael Gaul	Alexandra #87
Bro. Alf Fisher	Alexandra #87
W Bro. Jim Hannon	Alexandra #87

MINUTES

RW Bro. Bill Merriam moved that the minutes of the Nov. 22, 2018 meeting be approved. 2nd by Bro. Amos Margeson. 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. Graeme Bales. Motion carried.

SICKNESS AND REGRETS

W Bro. Derrah Reid reported that Acacia Lodge had lost a brother recently, Bro. William "Bill" Damery. There will not be a masonic funeral for him. (You can read his obituary on the CDMA website - <http://cumberlandmasons.ca/In-Memoriam-3.php>)

RW Bro. Merriam said that Bro. Terry Porteus is not doing well. He also reported that W Bro. Bruce Cuco of Acacia Lodge had just undergone a triple by-pass. He is doing well according to the last report on his Facebook page. Also Bro. Gary Bowser of Acacia Lodge has been having some health issues and we wish him well.

BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORT

RW Bro. Adams, our treasure, is on vacation in the Dominican Republic; however, he did leave a report that the Chairman read. Bank Balance is \$1,706.52. Please have the secretary send out an email to the secretaries of the lodges to remind them it is time to send in their yearly \$100 dues to CDMA. He strongly suggests that we keep our budget the same as last year. Motion was made by RW Bro. Bales to accept this report. Seconded by RW Bro. St. Peter.

AUDIT

The chairman said that according to our By Laws we need to appoint an Audit Committee to go over the books and report at the next meeting. The following three brothers volunteered: RW Bro. Merriam, RW Bro. Bales and Bro. Margeson

WEBSITE

VW Bro. Michael Gaul reported that the website and Blog are doing well. He also presented the 2018 year bill for the website operation. \$52.18 (This is for the domain name "cumberlandmasons.ca" and the website hosting package which shares the cost with Alexandra Lodge) As this is already in our budget, it did not have to be voted on.

TRAVELING GAVEL

The brothers of Laurie Lodge now hold the gavel and Bro. Margeson reported that it will be taken to Wallace Lodge #76 at Wallace's March meeting.

WAYS & MEANS

W Bro. Larry Ross reported for the Social Committee . He said that things did not work out

for holding another Dart Meat Day in February but he is hoping to get one going for around St. Patrick's Day. Last year this raised \$400 for our charity. It is hoped that this year it may be even more successful. He will know more after the Amherst Masonic Society meets next Wednesday, and he will have the secretary email everyone with the details as soon as they are ready.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - no report.

DEGREE TEAM

The Degree Team were busy at Laurie Lodge recently where four new brothers became master masons. They are planning to help out Wimburn in the near future.

CDMA CHARITY

Our charity last year was the Cumberland 4H. The chairman just received that cheque for \$2,900 from the Administrative Fund Program which will be represented to the Cumberland 4H shortly.

BOGP

The DDGM gave the report on the BOGP - see his message below.

BURSARY PROGRAM

RW Bro. Linkletter said that the request that community colleges be added to the list of approved institutions that bursaries can be given to each year (those beyond Nova Scotia, thus including NB and PEI) has been answered. The response was that Community Colleges will be added to Appendix H of the Bursary Applications. Any other programs which are for profit and not part of the Dept. of Education will not be included.

VARIETY SHOW

Bro. Amos Margeson reported that Laurie Lodge #70 will host this year's CDMA Variety Show.

Location: Springhill Legion - Up Stairs

Date: April 20th Time: 7:00pm

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$6 Children, \$30 Family Price (2 adults + up to 3 children)

Extra Money Raiser: Chinese Auction, a 50/50 Draw and Cake Draw.

The Legion will be looking after the canteen but the *hall rental is being donated.*

Each lodge is asked to bring a basket for the Chinese Auction (toiletries, kitchen items, groceries, lunch box items, etc.)

Each lodge is asked to provide **20 minutes of entertainment.** Be there early to bring your equipment in for the entertainment.

Laurie Lodge will make up a poster to be distributed.

THE CORNERSTONE PROJECT

Our guest speaker was our Grand Lecturer, RW Bro. Rick Crawford. He gave us a 30 minute description of the Cornerstone Project which is a two year program to help lodges become more vibrant and relevant in our modern society.

The booklet with all the info regarding the project is available on the Grand Lodge website and can also be viewed on our CDMA website. (Click the title, "The Cornerstone Project" above.)

The program will run from April 1st, to March 31st of the following year. It is a two year, re-occurring program. Lodges need to sign up to participate.

Our chairman thanked the Grand Lecturer for his very informative talk and which, hopefully, our district lodges will be able to get involved in shortly. {This talk was given early in the evening so that the speaker could get back on the road to Halifax as soon as he had finished.}

DDGM MESSAGE

The DDGM, RW Bro. Scott McNair, brought greetings and commented on the fact that the year is fast slipping away. All of his official visiting has been done and now he can enjoy visiting the lodges and the district activities. He commented on the wonderful job done at the Laurie Lodge 3rd Degree the other night and the wonderful turn out of brothers at that meeting. (See the CDMA Blog - for more on that meeting. <https://cdma2016.wordpress.com/>)

He said that he has been working with his DGDC, RW Bro. Linkletter, and the District Church Service will be held at the **River Hebert & Joggins United Church** on Sunday, April 28th. at 6:00pm.

The BOGP was held last Saturday and he along with W Bro. Derrah Reid, our new BOGP Rep., had attended it. He spoke on many of the topics that were brought up at that meeting. Minutes of that meeting will be sent out later.

CLOSING REMARKS

One of the topics brought up by our guest speaker was the way the Traveling Gavel is moved around the lodges. During the closing, RW Bro. Norm Rushton, suggested that this be added to the agenda for our May meeting.

The Chairman then thanked the brothers of Alexandra Lodge #87 for hosting this meeting and providing the lunch.

NEXT MEETING & CLOSING

The next meeting will be:

May 23rd, 2019 at 7:30pm in River Hebert, hosted by King Edward Lodge #86.

RW Bro. Archie St Peter moved that the meeting be closed. This was seconded by Bro. Margeson.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm.

The 50/50 draw was conducted by W Bro. Ross. His name was also drawn as winner and he donated his winnings. The draw brought in **\$74.30**

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