**District 34**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2023**

**Apex Masonic Lodge**

**408 E Williams Street**

**Apex, NC 27539**

**Members Present**

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| DCM | Craig H. |
| Alt. DCM | Brie G. |
| Registrar | Lili O. |
| Treasurer | Jasen H. |
| Secretary | Paul S. |
| Web Master |  |

**Group GSRs:**

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| Apex | Mark, GSR |  | Last Call |  |
| Arch to Freedom | Scott M., GSR |  | Let Go, Let God | Chis S., GSR |
| Basics for Beginners | Donna C., GSR |  | Living Now |  |
| Be Still Morning Meditation |  |  | Log Cabin | Guiri A, GSR |
| Cary Twelve Step | Erinn K., GSR |  | Maynard Road Group |  |
| Cary Young People | Andrew B., GSR |  | Morning Meditation Group | Troy M., GSR |
| Change Agents | Charlie K., GSR |  | New Freedom Group |  |
| Design for Living |  |  | One Chapter at a Time | Liz H., GSR |
| Early Birds | Debra L., GSR |  | One Day at a Time |  |
| Experience, Strength, and Hope |  |  | One More Chapter at a Time |  |
| First One Hundred and Sixty-Four | Seth B., GSR |  | One Noon at a Time | Jim M, GSR |
| Fuquay-Varina | David J., GSR,  Yuriel, Alt. GSR |  | Principles In Action (APEX) | David W., GSR. |
| G2 | Benny M., GSR |  | Promises of a New Beginning |  |
| Garner Big Book | Paul S., GSR |  | Sunday Morning Spirituality Group |  |
| Gateway |  |  | There is a Solution | Jonathan S., GSR |
| Green Level |  |  | West Cary Noon |  |
| Greenwood Forest | Karlis M., GSR |  | Willow Springs | Tony S., GSR |
| Holly Springs |  |  | Women’s Paths to Serenity |  |
| Keep It Simple |  |  | Women’s Steps to Serenity |  |
| Lakeside | Jeff H., GSR |  | Anonymous Forces |  |
| Recovery at Noon | Lisa L., GSR |  |  |  |

**Call to Order**

* 7:30pm – Craig H. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Readings**

* Long Form of Tradition 9 – Read By: Jim M.
* District Purpose – Read By: Mark

**Joke & Concept 9**

* Joke & Concept 9 – Jim M.
  + Good Service leaders are indispensable. We need to lead by example, constantly rotating people and their positions. It all starts with the GSR.
  + At a recent wedding party, stand next to the most important person.

**Next Month: Guiri – Concept 10 and a Joke.**

**Introductions**

Went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!

* Seth – First One Hundred and Sixty-Four Group
* Scott – Arch to Freedom Group

New GSR’s and Alt. GSR’s, please provide Lili O., District 34 Registrar, your contact and group information.

**A.A. Anniversaries**

Congratulations to:

* Erin – 20 Years

Birthday Envelopes are available from Intergroup or can be ordered from A.A.org.

**Registrar Report**

* Continuing to update group list when necessary.
* Please make sure to let Lili know if your information has changed, e.g., address change, name change, phone number change, group change, etc., so records can be updated.
* You can make your own updates to the master list on Google Drive, but please inform Lili! The information will also be shared with the Area 51 Registrar.
* If you are a new group, please have your GSR go to Lili to update the systems with your information. The information will be sent over to the Area 51 Registrar.
* When providing Lili with updates, your information will be shared with Area 51, District 34, but NOT with Intergroup.
* You can also make changes on the Intergroup website, but those changes will not be visible to Area 51 and District 34.
* Adrew’s information is now up to date – Cary Young People Group.

**Secretary Report**

* If you are not receiving emails, please let us know ASAP!
* August 2023 District 34 Meeting Minutes distributed via email.
* Motion to accept Secretary report (1st) ANDREW., (2nd) by DAVID J.
* Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report**

* Not much activity to report for this cycle.
* Rent for the month has been paid.
* Motion to accept Treasurers report (1st) made by ANDREW., (2nd) by JIM.
* Motion passed unanimously.

**Webmaster Report**

* Please continue to send James (District 34 Webmaster) flyers and news about your groups, e.g., anniversary parties, unique events, etc., so it can be posted on the District website.
* District 34 Webmaster email address is: [D34web@gmail.com](mailto:D34web@gmail.com)
* If you have flyers just go to the website and post or send them to James. <https://District34area51.live-website.com/>
* James, Webmaster, was not present.
* Craig – asked about SoberFest flyer. Flyer for the event has been posted to the D34 Website.

**Intergroup Liaison Report**

* This is a new addition to fulfill District 34’s previous advisory action to create the new service position.
* Once a person is selected, they will provide a report during our monthly GSR/District meeting.

**Alt DCM Report**

* Brie: GSR School - New GSR Orientation: It is recommended to attend the GSR school if you are a new GSR or a new Alt. GSR to become more familiar with your role and to ask any questions. Please call Brie G. (919) 561-7153 or Craig H. (747) 229-7302 to set up a convenient time and place!
* If anybody wants to attend new GSR orientation, please inform Brie so she can set up a convenient time to meet which works for everyone. Otherwise, Brie will hold off on scheduling anything this month.
* GSR school is Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5 PM ET.

**DCM Report**

* The Area 51 Chair of the Budget and Finance Subcommittee has put out a call for ideas on how best to spend our current surplus toward our primary purpose of helping alcoholics achieve sobriety in North Carolina.
  + Area 51 has a general fund surplus of $572.00.
  + Ideas must be submitted by October 31, 2023.
  + Submit your ideas to George S. our Area 51 Treasurer at [treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org).
  + It must be a one-time expense. (Cannot be recurring.)
  + Recent past examples in this price range:
    - Purchase Grapevine Subscriptions for Prisons.
    - Purchase replacement computers for the Area.
  + Ideas will be collected by the Budget and Finance Committee and presented to the Area chair. Motions approved by the committee will be put on the agenda of the 2024 Spring Assembly. Any surplus funds not allocated at that time will be contributed to GSO.
  + Take to your home groups to discuss
* Fall Assembly at the Hilton North Hills is taking place over the weekend of October 20-22.
  + If you haven’t reserved your room, registration closes tomorrow, 9/13. It’s important to have a reservation in order to maintain the room block.
  + Craig will send out the agenda for the assembly.
  + Please discuss the agenda at your home groups business meeting(s).
  + Chris – when will agenda will sent out?
    - Craig – they’re out and I will send them out. You can find the agenda on the Area website.
  + Brooks – agenda item over nonprofit came up. Craig will bring this up with our Area delegate for additional background.

**Old Business**

* Update - Ad Hoc Picnic Committee
  + SoberFest is on Saturday, November 4, 11-2pm Lake Wheeler Park.
  + Speaker - Julie R, Area 51 Panel 72 Delegate.

**New Business**

* Gratitude Dinner.
  + Groups should start thinking about the allochthons.
  + Gratitude Dinner Planning Committee Volunteers: Andrew B, Donna C., Paul S., Erin, Craig.
  + Brooks – Are we having a speaker?
    - Craig - We are. We’ll start at 6:30, food a little later, etc.
  + Date of the Gratitude Dinner is November 14.
* Alcothons
  + Karlis has provided some guidance from the TAC. This will be similar to last year’s event. We’ll be picking commitments from groups wanting to chair meetings during the event at our Gratitude dinner in November.
  + Chris, Andrew, Craig, Brie, Jasen (Alcothon Planning Committee Volunteers).
  + Donna – the frozen lasagnas from Costco worked out well last year.
  + Craig – We’re in a new location (TAC). We looked at what we did in previous years and will do something similar.
  + Karlis – you can ask Karlis questions if you have them about the TAC and the event in general, meetings to be held, etc.
  + It was proposed at our January 2022 meeting that groups volunteering for an hour, can bring a small, potluck style dish instead of a few individuals cooking for all.
  + Maybe a group is responsible for bringing in the turkey and ham or lasagna instead of the individual, but the District will pay for it. This will get planned out in the coming weeks.
  + The district specifies different dishes for different times of the day.
  + Job description or an instruction sheet for the point person of the Alcothons, e.g., what to do, when to do it, etc., will be provided by the TAC.
  + Lessons learned past years:
    - During the 2023 New Year’s Day Alcothons the food table “didn’t look too good.”
      * We should see how we can keep things more orderly and cleaner during the event.
    - During the event last year, there wasn’t enough food to go around at the early morning meetings. We need to make sure we have groups assigned to bring some food appropriate for the time of day.
    - In previous years, it would have been beneficial to establish separation between where folks are eating vs. where the meetings were held. It was difficult to hear at times given the conversations going on in the room.
    - Christmas Eve 2022 – Food supply was low.

**History Fact**

* Liz H.
  + A.A. Comes Of Age – Summer of 1950 was when the first International Convention was held in Cleveland, OH. This was Dr. Bob’s last appearance.
  + **Next Month** – History Fact volunteer for October not captured. If you did volunteer, please let Craig know at the October District Meeting.

**Home Group Announcements**

* Early Birds Group is having its group anniversary on 11/9 at 8:00 AM.

**End of the Meeting**

* We passed the basket.
* Closed the meeting with the A.A. Responsibility Pledge.
* Adjourned at 8:30 PM ET

**Next Meeting : October 10, 2023 @ Apex Masonic Lodge**

* 6:30PM – New Service Manual Study (also via Zoom)
* 7:30PM – District meeting

**Addendum – Helpful Mailing Addresses. Websites and Area 51 Events**

**Emails**

DCM [d34dcm@gmail.com](about:blank)

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Secretary [d34secretary@gmail.com](about:blank)

Registrar [d34registrar@gmail.com](about:blank)

Webmaster [d34web@gmail.com](mailto:D34web@gmail.com)

**Websites**

[http://www.raleighaa.com/District.php](about:blank)

[http://www.d34a51.com](about:blank)

[http://aanorthcarolina.org](about:blank)

User: 34

Password: notglumlot

**Mailing Addresses/email – needs to be changed.**

**Area 51 Treasurer**

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**D34 Contributions**

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**Schedule for upcoming Area 51 events****:**

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| Area 51 Fall Committee & Assembly Meeting | October 20-22, 2023  The Hilton Raleigh North Hills  3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609 |
| SSAASA – 7th Southern States AA Service Assembly | November 17 - November 19  Sheraton Orlando North 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland, FL |
| 2025 International Convention | July 3-6, 2025  Vancouver, B.C., Canada |