

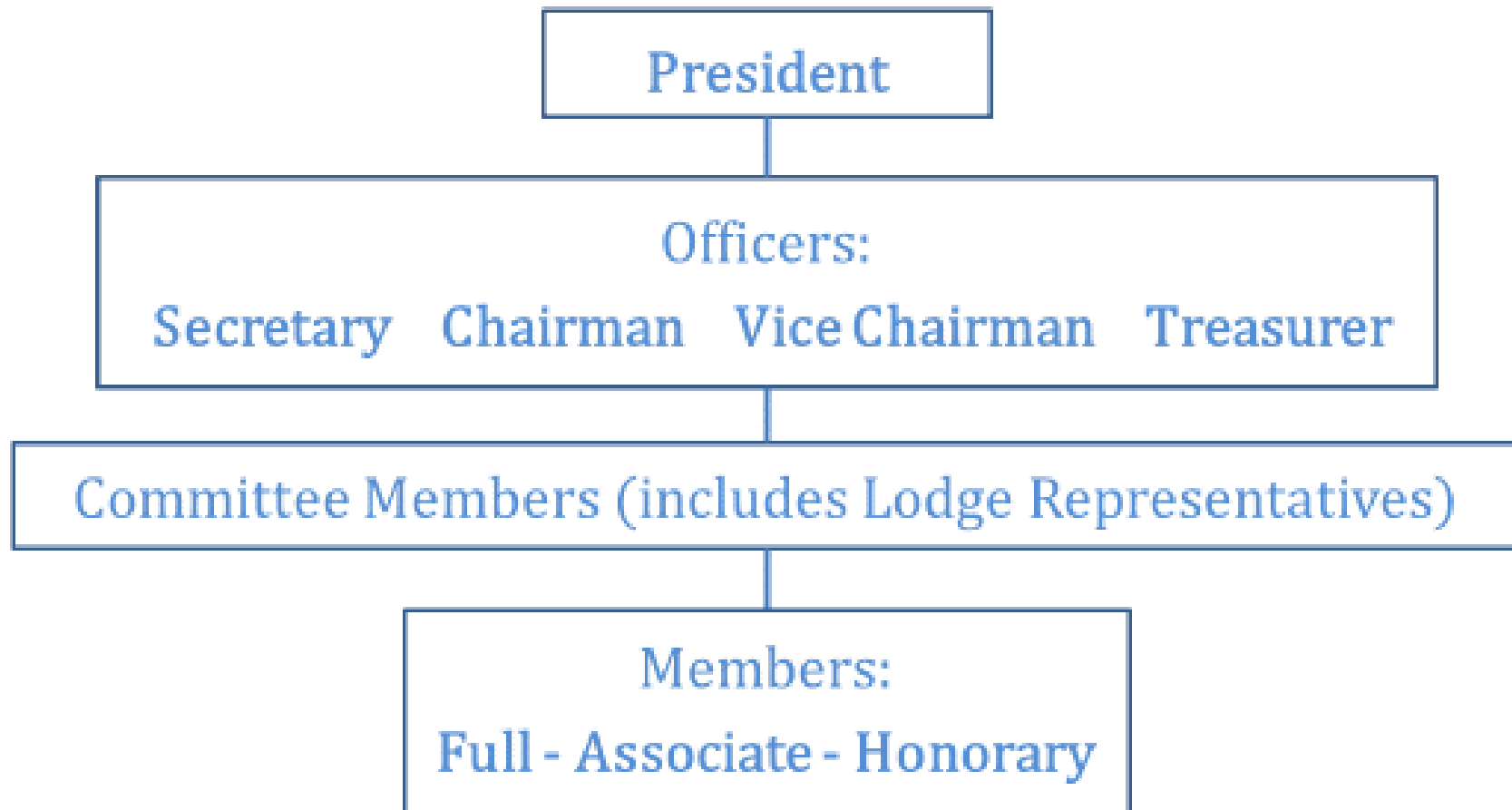


**THE MEMBERS' CLUB
FOR JUNIOR FREEMASONS OF THE
FURNESS AND SOUTH LAKELAND GROUP**



Furness and South Lakeland
GROUP OF LODGES AND CHAPTERS

Club Structure



MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide social interaction for new and junior Freemasons of the Furness and South Lakeland Group, for the benefit of Freemasonry.”

GENERAL AIMS OF THE CLUB

- To encourage social interaction between junior Members
- To promote inter-Lodge visiting, especially in the early stages of membership
- To provide encouragement and guidance to junior Members
- To increase the retention of newly joined Members
- To introduce potential Candidates to Masonic social circles

Note: The Club is not intended to replace or do the existing work of the Lodge Mentor.

MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible to join the Cavendish Club any prospective member must:

- Be below Provincial Rank, and either
 - A) Be a subscribing member of a Lodge within the Furness & South Lakeland Group
 - B) Be a subscribing member of a Lodge recognised under the United Grand Lodge of England and currently living or working within Furness & South Lakeland Group.

Whilst full or associate membership shall only be open to those brethren whom have yet to receive Provincial honours, Provincial Officers shall not be discouraged from attending and assisting, and when appropriate will be made honorary members.

MEETING FREQUENCY

- Quarterly meetings (keeping periods of holidays clear)
- Check dates against the existing Masonic calendar before fixing.
- Rotate so that meetings are held at different locations within the group.
- Each Lodge will have a local Cavendish Club ‘representative’ to assist with any organisational arrangements as appropriate, and be appointed to the club committee.

CONSTITUTION

GENERAL

1. The club shall be called The Cavendish Club and will be affiliated to the West Lancashire Provincial Grand Lodge and the Furness and South Lakeland group.
2. Alterations to this constitution may only be made at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. Proposed alterations must be submitted to the Secretary in writing at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
3. The Club's year will be deemed to run from 1st April to 31st March each year.
4. The Club will be managed on behalf of its members by the Cavendish Club Committee.

MEMBERS & MEMBERSHIP

5. A "member" means any class of membership.
6. The membership will consist of:
 - a) Full members, b) Associate members, c) Honorary members
7. Any membership (or other) fees shall be proposed, seconded and passed by the Committee six months prior to the year for which they are to apply.
8. Full members must be under the rank of a Provincial Officer and be a subscribing Member of a Lodge within the Furness and South Lakeland Group.
9. Associate members will be non-Furness and South Lakeland Freemasons "in good standing", whose place of work is in the Furness and South Lakeland Group area.
10. A member may be made an honorary life member for services to the club. Life members can only be created by a majority ballot of club members present at a general meeting.
11. Members shall be encouraged to introduce non-Masons of 'good character' to the Cavendish Club meetings and social events.

12. Additions and amendments to rules and regulations can only be made by proposals at a General Meeting.

13. The constitution will be reviewed annually.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND APPOINTMENTS

14. The principal Officers of the Club shall be: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Officers are by default elected Committee Members with voting entitlement. In cases of resignation, the Committee may appoint interim nominees.

15. Committee members who are not Officers shall include: Club President and the Representatives of the Lodges of the Furness & South Lakeland Group.

16. The Treasurer shall be authorised to handle monies on behalf of the Club.

17. Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and will serve for a maximum period of two years before re-election is required. The Committee will be elected by majority vote by ballot from the members present. All members are eligible to vote.

18. Should a committee position become vacant, the Committee may, by a majority vote, co-opt a replacement who will then serve until the following Annual General Meeting as if they had been voted into post.

COMMITTEE ORGANISATION AND POWERS

19. Members elected to office will have full voting rights at all meetings. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will have a casting vote in addition to his initial standing vote.

20. The Committee shall be authorised to carry out 'ordinary' negotiations and make decisions in the interest of the club or on behalf of the membership where necessary.

21. Money may be withdrawn from club funds only when approved by two nominated Committee Members.

22. Any negotiations proposed by any club Members which affect the Club must be communicated to the Committee before proceeding.

23. Any Committee Member wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Secretary.

24. The Treasurer may pay accounts and incur any normal liabilities on behalf of the club.

VOTING AND CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

25. All committee meetings will have an agenda and minutes will be recorded. Minutes of committee meetings will be made available to members on request to the Secretary.

26. A quorum of any Committee meeting shall consist of five Committee Members.

27. All proposals must be seconded and voted upon. A majority vote of those present is required to carry any proposal.

28. Voting will normally be by show of hands, however a secret ballot may be taken should any committee member request that this be done. Proxy and postal votes will not be permitted.

29. An audio recording of committee meetings may be taken by the Secretary only, for the sole purpose of producing accurate minutes.

30. Non-committee members may attend committee meetings as observers. Any non-Committee Member may be asked to leave the meeting subject to approval from the Committee.

VOTING AND CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

31. All general meetings will have an agenda and have minutes recorded. Any other business will only be accepted at general meetings if the Secretary is given at least 14 days' notice in writing of the item to be discussed.

32. A quorum of any general meeting is to be at least five Members.

33. All proposals must be seconded and voted upon. A majority vote of those present is required to carry any proposal including proposals to alter this constitution.

34. Voting will normally be by a show of hands however a secret ballot must be taken should any member request that this be done. Proxy and postal votes will not be permitted.

35. Amendments to proposals must be voted upon first.

36. An audio recording of general meetings may be taken by the secretary only, for the sole purpose of producing accurate minutes.

37. The Committee, through the Chairman, has the power to ask a person to leave any meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

38. A date for the Annual General Meeting will be decided each year by the Committee. At least 28 days' notice of the meeting will be given in writing to all Club members.

39. Any proposed subscriptions or fees will be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

40. Two members (non-committee members) shall be elected as Auditors by the Committee to carry out an independent examination of the accounts before the Annual General Meeting to verify that the balance sheet is correct and fairly represents the expenditure and receipts of the club, its assets and its liabilities.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

41. The Secretary will convene an Extraordinary Committee Meeting within 14 days on request from any Officer of the Committee, stating the business to be discussed.

42. The Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the club by a resolution of the Committee stating the business to be brought before the meeting, of which 14 days' notice has been given to all members.

43. The Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the club on receipt of a request in writing signed by not less than 3 members of the club, stating the business to be brought to it. The meeting shall be called 'as soon as is practical' after 'adequate' notice.

44. When a request for a meeting is made and it is not called within 14 days, the requesting members may themselves convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club by giving 14 days' notice in writing to all members.

FINANCES

45. The Club will hold any funds in a bank account, with four signatories in place.

46: The Club's bank account will need not less than two signatures for fund withdrawals.

47: The Treasurer shall cause proper accounts to be kept and shall present his accounts to the club annually at the AGM.

48. The signatories on the club's bank account will be the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary. They are required to submit a sample of their signature for reference purposes.

OTHER

49. The Cavendish Club will operate under the guidance of the Furness & South Lakeland Group (via The Club President) to ensure good practice in keeping with Masonic values.

MEMBER LODGES OF THE FURNESS AND SOUTH LAKELAND GROUP

(NB - The Lonsdale Lodge of Installed Masters is not listed).

| Lodge: | No: | Meets at: |
|---------------------|------------|---|
| Lodge of Furness | 995 | Masonic Hall, Kings Road, Ulverston |
| Hartington | 1021 | Masonic Hall, Fairfield Lane, Barrow-in-Furness |
| Hindpool | 1225 | Masonic Hall, Fairfield Lane, Barrow-in-Furness |
| Baldwin | 1398 | Masonic Hall, Hall Street, Dalton-in-Furness |
| Arthur John Brogden | 1715 | Masonic Hall, Grange-over-Sands |
| Thurston | 2525 | Masonic Hall, Kings Road, Ulverston |
| Barrow | 3928 | Masonic Hall, Fairfield Lane, Barrow-in-Furness |
| Hawkshead | 4354 | Market House, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Cumbria |
| Newby Bridge | 4598 | Masonic Hall, Newby Bridge, Nr. Ulverston |
| Semper Sursum | 5622 | Masonic Hall, Fairfield Lane, Barrow-in-Furness |
| Piel Castle | 6099 | Masonic Hall, Fairfield Lane, Barrow-in-Furness |
| Dalton in Furness | 6828 | Masonic Hall, Hall Street, Dalton-in-Furness |
| Ulverston | 7872 | Masonic Hall, Kings Road, Ulverston |

ADOPTION OF INAUGRAL CLUB CONSTITUTION

We the following founding **Officers** of **The Cavendish Club** as named below, do hereby formally adopt this document as the **Club Constitution**.

Kieron Mullan – President.....

Philip Renney – Chairman.....

Allan Ritchie – Vice Chairman.....

Carl Hallows – Secretary.....

Stuart Braithwaite – Treasurer.....

Dated this 5th day of November 2017.