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Minutes of the Regular Communication

of Cornerstone No. 19

March 19, 2009

21 Members and 4 Visitor signed the Register.

Lodge Tyled at 7:33 p.m. by W. Master Jason Caumartin.

Visitors were welcomed by the members.

Visiting Worshipful Master was invited to the east

Notice – Portion of notice calling the meeting was read.

Minutes – Approved/signed by the 3 principal officers. A copy is on the Secretary's desk for review by members.

Correspondence – Letter from Grand Lodge regarding the upcoming Annual Communication, including a program, Letter from Brian Shimmons Deputy Grand Master with information about the Grand Masters Tour for 2009. A note was received with dues from WBro. Winston Langill wishing the Lodge success. Other Correspondence was looked after at the G.P. Meeting.

Bills and Accounts – All bills and accounts are within budget. A list of accounts is on the secretary's desk

2008 Financials – presented. Copies were distributed to the Brethren and explanations given by the treasurer. Moved by Bro. Bill Quinn the statements be accepted, and seconded by Bro John Zryd. Carried.

Report of Committee on Petition & Balloting – None

Junior Wardens Point – An Officer who knows he will not be present in Lodge is responsible to find a replacement for his absence.

Sickness and Distress – Brother Bob Neish's wife has had surgery and is at home recovering. WBro. Reg Evans is in the Rockyview Hospital recovering from hernia and cancer operations. Brother Mike Dougherty is at home and doing well. RWBro Glen Springsteel is in Edmonton with his mother who has taken a turn for the worse. Grand Master MWBro John Hart is home after urinary tract operation, the outcome is not sure yet.

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Committee Reports – Bro. Bob Neish gave us a summary of the G.P. Minutes.

Junior Warden, Bro. Bill Stark advised he would try to add snacks to the bar, adjusting for dietary needs, cooperating with Royal Arch, so we could maintain freshness.

Bro Bill Quinn advised the Temple Board Annual General Meeting will be held on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. He reminded the Brethren that the stove was not to be used until advised.

WBro. Mark Toon advised up coming meetings would have historical presentations, and a simulated Masonic Trial to be presented in September.

Bro. Bike Bergstrom advised he is taking over the website and will be making the necessary contacts to facilitate getting it going again. Membership advised an E. A. Degree for the May meeting. We have 1 petition coming and 2 more possible.

Unfinished Business – WBro. Mark Toon gave a talk on a need by Cornerstone to generate a focus for charitable endeavours.

Donation requests from Prostate Cancer and Hovering project, 187 Foothills RCA Cadet Squadron and Job's Daughter International were tabled for future discussion.

New Business – None.

Senior Warden's Word – The Word. A search for the truth. The word was lost with the murder of Hiram Abiff. Masons have been searching for the word, symbolic of searching for the Divine Truth.

Bro. Worshipful Master, Jason Caumartin, closed the Lodge in Harmony at 9:00 p.m.

The Children of Solomon and the Templars

An indication that the Children of Solomon were indeed affiliated in some way with the Order of the Templars lies in the fact that they were granted great privileges by the Church and government of the time, which included freedom from all taxes, like the Templars, and they were also protected against any form of prosecution by the constructors of other buildings. When the Templars were suppressed in 1314, The Children of Solomon were immediately stripped of these privileges and immunities.

The Knights Templar, through their financial activities, were intimately involved in the era of cathedral construction known as the Rise of the Gothic as the English architectural historian Fred Gettings makes clear: *The Knights Templar who were founded ostensibly to protect the pilgrimage routes to the Holy Land, were almost openly involved in financing and lending moral support to the building of Cathedrals throughout Europe.*

Both the twentieth-century initiate, Fullcanelli, and the author Kenneth Rayner Johnson claim that Gothic architecture, which was the fruit of the Templars knowledge of sacred geometry, was not merely an example of architectural beauty but also a three dimensional code that passed a hidden message in an architectural form of *la longue verte*, the “language of initiation.” They were confirming the view expressed in different words nearly a century earlier by J.F. Colfa, who wrote: “The language of stones spoken by this new art [Gothic architecture] is at the same time clear and sublime, speaking alike to the humblest and to the most cultured heart.”

La longue verte arises from the need for heretical initiates to hide the true nature of their conversations from the Church hierarchy. In this way, heretics could communicate in code without putting either their lives or their freedom in jeopardy. This clever form of defense against persecution became the language not only of the initiates but also of the poor and oppressed, and was the true medieval ancestor of cockney rhyming slang and the verbiage in American hip-hop and rap.

SACRED GEOMETRY

Sacred geometry is a divinely inspired art form that was handed down from mason to novice in an unbroken chain from the earliest times until the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE. This initiatory chain of communication transmitted the secret knowledge used by the ancient Egyptians and Biblical Israelites (cont.)

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to construct their sacred buildings. Knowledge of sacred geometry was apparently lost after the destruction of the temple until the Knights Templars returned to Europe from Jerusalem in 1128, after completing their excavations under the Temple Mount. Indeed. There is a cause-and-effect between the Templars` return from Jerusalem and the sudden explosion of building in the Gothic style that followed. Did the Templars find the keys to this new form of building under the Temple Mount? Or were other influences at play in Jerusalem that can explain this new form of architecture? There is absolutely no discernable transition in Europe between Romanesque architecture and the new, tall, graceful form of the Gothic Cathedrals. The Gothic style was indeed a startlingly new and beautiful development – but what were its origins?

From The Historical Register

100 Years Ago - April 16, 1909

Today was the occasion of our third annual “At Home” which was very nice and attended by a large gathering of brethren, together with the ladies.

50 Years Ago - April 16, 1959

Regular Communication. D.R. Giles of Joppa #40, Granum, elected to membership by affiliation. After refreshment Bro. M.L. Wallace showed pictures of his trip to southwestern USA. Attendance: 23.

25 Years Ago - April 19, 1984

Regular communication. W. Bro. Lawrence Anderson of Glenbow #184 spoke on Fulfilling the Masonic Obligation. Attendance: 19 members, 9 visitors.

★Upcoming Events ★

Temple Board meeting April 14
GP meeting - 9:00 am Sat. Apr. 11/09
Regular Meeting -Thurs. Apr. 16/09
Spring Workshop April 17-19 Kananskis
Grand Lodge Communication Jun 12 & 13 in
Camrose AB.