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## Minutes of the Regular Communication of Cornerstone No. 19

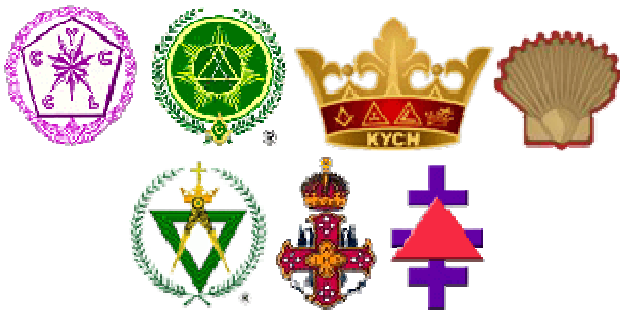
### November 20, 2008

23 Members and 1 Visitor signed the Register.  
 Lodge was Tyled at 7:35 p.m. by W. M. Jim Carswell.  
 Lodge lowered to F.C. Deg. - Bro. A Wojcicki admitted.  
**Notice** – Portion of notice calling the meeting was read.  
 WBro. Roger Higham was welcomed from Nanton #19.  
**Junior Warden's Point** – Salute the Worshipful Master at the altar when entering or leaving the Lodge  
**Sickness and Distress** – RWBro. Al Teuling is in the Agape Hospice. Even though he is unable to speak for long as he tires easily, he appreciates visitors. Dave Cote has cancer and the treatments are very upsetting to him  
**Minutes** – Approved/signed by the 3 principal officers. A copy is on the Secretary's desk for review by members.  
**Correspondence** – Grand Lodge sent a Certificate of Election to complete after the installation, and 2009 Membership Cards. RWBro. Brian Shimmons sent a letter to promote the 2009 Grand Master's Tour. Peter Wilson sent an email to advise he is still not up to attending Lodge. Email from Stephen Patrick requesting a Demit. Freemasons of Medicine Hat Burns Club requested a Donation. Declined at G.P. Meeting. Letter sent to Occidental Chapter 12 thanking them for the Bursary Donation to Cornerstone. Letters went out to members in arrears over 1 year.  
**Bills and Accounts** – All bills and accounts are within budget. A list of accounts is on the secretary's desk. Copies of the financial statements are also there.  
**Reading of Petitions** – None.  
**Report of Committee on Petitions** – None.  
**Balloting** – for affiliation: Garry Stephen Bonnell, 82 Somerset Way SW, Calgary AB. Born Sept. 09, 1957, Montreal, QC. - Service Delivery Manager  
 Ballot – Favourable. (Report of Committee read Oct.16)  
**Visitations** – Glen Springsteel attended Lodge at Alberta #3 and brought back warm fraternal greetings.  
 Nanton Lodge performed a Master Mason Degree with 5 members from Cornerstone including David Parish attending. Warm fraternal greetings were sent back to Cornerstone. Jason Caumartin and Mark Toon visited Greisbach Lodge in Edmonton and brought back warm fraternal greetings.  
**Committee Reports** – Bro Senior Warden summarized the G.P. Meeting minutes. The major discussion concerned amendments to the By Laws. Bro Jason Caumartin advised he would move or cause to be moved the By Laws as proposed by G.P. Committee be (cont.)

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approved as submitted.  
 Bro. Junior Warden advised the ceilidh on November 1 was a success based on the enjoyment of those that attended although attendance was low. New Years Eve party has been cancelled.  
 WBro. Toon advised next month we would review the direction Cornerstone will move in and for 2009 education we will have a variety of topics.  
 Bro Neil Jowett said he required the name of the member who would be taking over administration of the web site.  
**Unfinished Business** – The question about granting a Life Membership to Les Bramley was raised as a result of requesting a demit. MWBro. Jim Ross said he would move or cause to be move that Les Bramley be granted a Life Membership.  
**New Business** – Election of Officers for 2009. WBro. James Carswell nominated Bro. Jason Caumartin for Master. Nomination accepted. Declared elected by acclamation. Bro Jason Caumartin nominated Bro. Robert Neish for Senior Warden. Nomination accepted. Declared elected by acclamation. Bro. William Stark nominated by Bro. Robert Neish for Junior Warden. Nomination accepted. Declared elected by acclamation. Bro. Jason Caumartin nominated Bro. William Quinn for Secretary/Treasurer. Nomination accepted. Declared elected by acclamation. Bro. Jason Caumartin nominated Bro. Mike Douglas for Tyler. Nomination accepted. Declared elected by acclamation.  
**Election of Board of Installed Masters.**  
 VWBro. William Holmes Sr. nominated by Glen Springsteel. VWBro Holmes accepted. WBro Mike Douglas nominated by VWBro. William Holmes. WBro. Douglas accepted. MWBro. Jim Ross nominated by Glen Springsteel. MWBro. Ross accepted. Nominations were closed and the Board of Installed Masters declared elected by acclamation.  
**The Budget** discussed and questions raised. Deferred till the next meeting to incorporate changes before approval.  
**Education** – A power point presentation by WBro Toon giving the focus of the Traditional Lodge, the direction Cornerstone has been following in the recent past.  
**Senior Warden's Word** – Foreign Country – symbol for heaven, the county where we want to enter and collect our wages. Contention among Brethren – threatens Brotherhood. Masons must learn to agree to disagree.  
**Good of Masonry** – General Purposed Meeting December 13, Regular Communication December 18.  
 Lodge raised to the Master Mason Degree.  
 Worshipful Master Jim Carswell closed the Lodge in Harmony at 11:20.

## The York Rite



In North America, after completing the three basic 'blue' or Craft degrees, a Mason can take one of two paths – or both if time and finances allow. One is the York Rite, the other is the Ancient and Accepted or Scottish Rite – the equivalent to England's Rose Croix'.

The York Rite comprises three broad groups after the basic Craft degrees. The first is the Royal Arch Chapter and consists of, in ascending order: Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Mason. The next group is the Cryptic or Royal and Select Masters. This starts with Royal Master, then moves on to Select Master and finally Super Excellent Master – which is the 10th degree in the York Rite.

The Crowning glory of the York Rite is the group known as the Commandery of Knights Templar. This starts with the Order of the Red Cross, moves on to the Order of the Knights of Malta, then Order of the Knight Templar Commandery. Once you are a Knight Templar, you gain entrance to the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine – if you have the right connections.

– from the article 'An Echo of The Antients' by Jack Chisholm which appeared in The Square Magazine Vol. 25, June 1999

## 'Tis The Season...

With the cold weather and Christmas looming, let us not forget those who are struggling. Sometimes all it takes is a kind word but there is always more we can do. Is there someone you know who needs help? This is the most important time of year to reach out and demonstrate what we Masons are made of. Can you think of a way to contribute to the welfare a brother or your fellow man? In the end, it is you who will receive the greatest gift

★Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year★

## From The Historical Register

### 100 Years Ago

**Dec. 1908**

The Lodge attended Divine Service in a body under dispensation of the Grand Master on St. John the Evangelist's Day. H.H. Gould, the retiring WM, was presented with a beautiful arm chair by the members of the lodge.

### 50 Years Ago

**Dec. 1958**

Frank Hunter elected WM. Bro. J.H. Hamilton showed film of the Swan Hills area. Attendance: 23. Cornerstone hosted Tri-lodge installation ceremony.

### 25 Years Ago

**Dec. 1983**

Step-Up night. Bros. Dave Cote and David Fisher were raised in the M.M. Degree. Oyster stew was served at refreshment. .

## ★ Upcoming Events ★

**GP meeting - 9:00 am Sat. Dec. 13/08**  
**Regular Meeting -Thurs. Dec. 18/08**