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CORNERSTONE LODGE No. 19 NEWSLETTER

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Burns Supper 2007

Cornerstone Lodge #19.



The Cornerstone Burns Supper was a great success!

The night started wi' a wee dram, then MC, VW Bro Cyril Abbott invited everyone into the Lodge to enjoy a performance by the Highwood Highland Dancers. Act 1 of 'Scotch On The Rocks' by the Pegasus Players followed, then back into the lodge hall for supper.

VW Bro David Hongisto piped in the Haggis borne by JW Bro Jim Carswell. W. Bro Mike Douglas and his son were the flag bearers and saw the piper was paid. JS Bro Robert Neish gave a wonderful rendition of Burns' poem "To a Haggis". JW Bro Jim Carswell gave "The Selkirk Grace" before dinner then, Bro Don Ross did the hilarious, "Toast to the Lassies" followed by RW Bro Glen Springsteel and his rendition of "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns".

The meal, by "Lasting Impressions Catering," consisted of haggis, prime rib, mashed tatties and turnip, barley casserole, Cornish pasties and coleslaw, finishing with Topsy Laird, fresh fruit and Scottish shortbread.

After dinner we continued with Act 2 of the Murder Mystery, the door prizes then ended with a few Scottish songs by VW Bro David Hongisto Bro Stephen Patrick and Bro Jim Carswell. The night finished with everyone singing "Auld Lang Syne". A good time was had by all.

A big thank you to Karen, Nanette, Michele, Brenda, and Sharon and all the brethren whose help made the night so successful.

Bro Jim Carswell JW.

Bro. Christo Rabie



At the first of 2007s' new festive boards, Christo Rabie gave a slide show presentation on his recent trip to South Africa. The members present were very impressed. and entertained.

Raising The Bar

WM Bro. Mike Douglas has proclaimed that he intends to follow the lead of Grand Master Malcolm Berry and 'raise the bar' at Cornerstone during 2007. From now on the officers will wear formal attire at all meetings and the ceremonial procedures will be carried out with greater precision and respect for the tradition behind them. A new feature at the meetings will be the Junior Warden's Point which will educate us on the proper protocol expected of each member when in Lodge.

Before each meeting there will be a meal with wine and a presentation and afterwards, a snack – sandwiches, stew, chili etc.

Upcoming Events

GP meeting - 9:00 am Sat. Feb. 10/07
Regular Meeting Thurs. Feb. 15/07

Submissions/tech. help are needed for the Web Site.

Out of the Minutes

Regular Communication of Cornerstone Lodge #19 January 18, 2007

21 Members and 5 Visitors signed the Register.

Lodge was Tyled at 7:35 by W.M. Mike Douglas and the notice calling the meeting was read.

Grand Lodge officers and visiting Masters invited to the east and Visitors were welcomed from Phoenix District, King George No. 59, Canada No. 165, and Glenbow No. 184.

Proving Up – Christo Rabie proved up as a Master Mason and was presented with his Masters Apron.

Lodge was lowered to FC degree.

Minutes – December 21 and January 3 Minutes were approved by the three principle officers and tabled and available for brethren review if desired.

Bills and Accounts – All within budget.

Correspondence – Letters from Grand Lodge regarding purchases and 2007 Nominations for GL Office. Email from Bro Robert Ober and letter from WBro. Cecil Longson (on behalf of Phil Bice) both requesting demits

Suspensions – Scott Beaton, Russ Meades and Colby Skolseg werer suspended for non payment of dues. Letters were sent.

Memoriam – Brother Philip was called to the Grand Lodge Above on January 14. A short Masonic history was presented and a minute of silence was held in his honor.

Sickness and Distress – Bro. John Zryd has the flu. Bro. Neil Jowett has an inflatable cast which he will be in for 6 weeks. RWBro. Bob Costigan has a skin condition on his face. Looks awful, but feels okay. Bro Dan Murphy, Nanton's Treasurer has had a serious heart attach and is in very poor condition.

Receiving Petitions – None

Balloting – None

J.W.'s Point – J.W. Jim Carswell talked about the proper way to give the Sign of Fidelity

Committee Reports – G. P. Minutes were read. Entertainment advises that Burns Night is sold out. Festivities are to be held before and after each meeting. Ladies Night will include a dance w/ band. A summer event is being looked at.

Temple Board needs 10 volunteers for May 7 & 8 casino. Next Temple Board meeting is March 5.

Web Site is up. Bill Holmes Sr. & Jr. are looking after it.

Unfinished Business – Sharon Toon is redoing our costumes. Cost is expected to be \$500.00 less than the budget of \$2000.00.

New Business – VWBro. Cyril Abbott is creating a manual for Lodge Officers which will state expectations in many areas.

Education – Jamie Beckstead presented a talk on Compte de St. Germain, Prince Ragoczy of Transylvania.

Lodge was raised to M. M. Degree and closed in Harmony at 9:54 by WBro. Mike Douglas.

Editorial Comment by J.B. York

“The Power of Now,” by Eckart Tolle is a book about finding true happiness in the ‘Now’.

While reviewing it for a local magazine, I made a few observations of my own. I thought about questioning how my life would have turned out if, in the past, I had made different choices, but regretful concepts like, ‘woul da, coulda, shoulda,’ are dead ends that can only lead to discontent and dismay. I found the answer in one of the reasons I joined Masonry.

Becoming a ‘better man’ isn’t really about behaving differently so much as it is about making better choices. We can choose to grieve over the past or worry about the future but neither is a road to happiness. When a man chooses to live in the ‘Now,’ he can assess how everyone else reacts to him and choose to create happiness and peace or grief and anxiety in every aspect of his life. It seems obvious that he will share in whichever he creates. Those who desire peace and happiness should remember the past is dead and the future hasn’t happened yet so, try to stop every now and then and ask yourself, “Am I living in the ‘Now’? Am I happy Now?”

From The Historical Register

100 Years Ago

Feb. 21, 1907

The W.M. informed the Lodge that the \$50.00 voted to the San Francisco Earthquake Relief Fund had been ordered returned at a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge.

50 Years Ago

Feb. 21, 1957

Two rinks from Cornerstone Lodge will attend the Nanton Masonic Bonspiel. The E.A. Degree was conferred on Mr. John Cox. Attendance: 18.

25 Years Ago

Feb. 18, 1982

The DDGM was in attendance. A paper, entitled “The Apron” was given by W. Bro. Wizniak of Corinthian #22. Attendance: 40.