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CORNERSTONE LODGE No. 19

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Minutes of the Regular Communication of Cornerstone No. 19 January 15, 2009

22 Members and 1 Visitor signed the Register.

Lodge Tyled at 7:36 p.m. by W. M. Jason Caumartin.

Lodge was lowered to the Fellowcraft Degree and Andrew Wojcicki was admitted.

Notice – The part of the notice calling the meeting was read.

Visitor David Simmill of Vulcan No. 74 was welcomed by the members.

Sickness and Distress – Jack Ward is suffering from broken ribs. Joyce Dougherty is not well and not allowed visitors. Mike is at home. Richard Newman of Granite Lodge has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Carol Neish sent her thank you for the get well card sent to her.

Minutes – Approved and signed by the three principal officers. A review copy is available on the Secretary's desk by members.

Correspondence – Nothing from Grand Lodge. All other items were handled at the General Purposes Meeting.

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 as well.

There were no **Reading of Petitions**, no **Report of Committee on Petitions** and no **Balloting**.

Visiting – Only the Joint meeting with Granite.

Committee Reports – Bro. Neish summarized the minutes from General Purposes Meeting. Bro. Stark advised the Burns Night in hand and everything coming together for a great evening.

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WBro. Toon advised this evening we would have power point presentation by WBro Caumartin on the symbolism of the Entered Apprentice Degree. Next month, a paper on 5 Volumes of Sacred Law from various religions. Future meetings will include presentations on the Fellowcraft Deg., and a history of Masonry since the 14th century over 2 meetings.

Bro. Quinn advised the Temple Board Meeting is now on January 20, 09. All members urged to attend.

Web site has had no new developments. Bro Bergstrom is to contact Bro. Jowett and Bro. Humble in regards to revamping the site.

Unfinished Business – Master Mason Certificates were presented to Bros. Mike Bergstrom, Bill Holmes Jr., and Paul Ripley.

New Mason Award was presented to Bro. Darnell Bass for his many contributions to Cornerstone in his first year as a Master Mason.

An ongoing advertisement was discussed with a committee set up to follow up. Bros. Mark Toon, Jim Ross, Jim Carswell, and Bill Holmes Jr. were appointed. Ideas put out were contacting other Lodges for support, insertions in community announcements section of the newspaper.

The Question of when the By Laws would be printed arose and it was advised Grand Lodge needed to approve them first and it was not known how long that procedure took.

New Business – Bro Gene Oakes is to prove up in the Master Mason Degree at our next meeting.

Education – A power point presentation was given by WBro Jason Caumartin on the symbols in the Entered Apprentice Degree. A short discussion followed adding additional information and explanation of the symbols and Degree.

Good of Masonry. Next meeting February 19, 2008, G.P. meeting February 14, and the Temple Board will be meeting January 20.

Bro. Worshipful Master, Jason Caumartin, closed the Lodge in Harmony at 9:50.

Medieval Craftsmen of France

Initiatory had long existed among the craftsmen who built the churches, cathedrals and castles of Europe in Italy, France, and elsewhere. Known as the Craftsmen, in France there were several distinct Orders: the Children of Father Soubise, the Children of Master Jacques, and the Children of Solomon whose heirs are known today as Les Compagnons des Devoirs du Tour de France or the Compagnonnage. All these brotherhoods had some beliefs in common: they observed a moral tradition of chivalry within their craft, a profound humility toward the work that must be done, and above all, they were men who knew how to use a pair of compasses, and who all shared the same bread. Men who know how to use a pair of compasses have been initiated into the secret knowledge of "sacred geometry," qualifying them as "masons."

Their perceptions of the divine origins of their skills was delineated by the English author Ian Dunlop when he wrote: "It is not uncommon in medieval illumination to find God the Father represented as the '*elegans architectus*' holding a large pair of compasses."

Initiated masons formed a hierarchy of three ascending degrees: apprentice, companion and master.

Apprentices learned their trade moving from yard to yard throughout the country in a *tour de France*, receiving instruction from highly skilled and initiated men, known as companions. When the required degree of skill had been attained, they in turn were initiated by their masters in secret conclaves known as *cayennes*. The three principal fraternities that, centuries later merged into one had different duties, skills, and their own distinct traditions. The Children of Father Soabise built in the Romanesque style and could be found at the very heart of the Benedictine monastic system. Their mason's marks or "signatures" differ greatly from those of their brethren who built in the Gothic style.

The traditions of the Compagnons Possants du Devoir, or the Children of Master Jacques, claim that Master Jacques was the son of Jacquin who had been made Craftmason after an apprenticeship served in Greece, Egypt and Jerusalem. Indeed, it is alleged that Jacquin made the two pillars of the Temple of Solomon

From The Historical Register

100 Years Ago - Feb. 1909

No report in Historical Register.

50 Years Ago - Feb. 1959

Regular communication. Brethren attended the funeral of Bro. Russell Golightly who was a tailor in partnership with his brother James. He was also active in Scouting, the Legion and curling club. Attendance: 22.

25 Years Ago - Feb. 1984

The annual Masonic Cabaret was held at the hall where a profit of \$180 was realized. Scott's Orchestra provided the music.

From the Jan. issue...

100 Years Ago - Jan. 1909

Local dentist RW Bro. H.E. Bedingfield began his one-year term as Worshipful Master of Cornerstone—the third person to hold that office.

50 Years Ago - Jan. 1959

Regular Communication. 2 demits were registered. Brethren attended the funeral of Bro. Horace Shillam, proprietor of the Red & White grocery store, initiated in London England, affiliated in 1934. Attendance: 19.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 1984

Cornerstone Lodge will present Research & Education at the February meeting of Kelvingrove Lodge, Calgary.

★ Upcoming Events ★

GP meeting - 9:00 am Sat. Feb. 14/09

Regular Meeting - Thurs. Feb. 19/09