



ON THE LEVEL



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Minutes of the Regular Communication of Cornerstone No. 19

December 20, 2007

16 Members and no Visitor signed the Register.

The meeting was called to Order at 7:30 by
Worshipful Master Mike Douglas.

Notice calling the meeting was read.

S.W. Word – Forget me Not. A pin with the Forget
me Not flower was worn by German Masons,
replacing the Square & Compasses, after Hitler took
power and started persecuting the Brethren. 80,000
are known to have died during this period.

Minutes – Approved by the three principal officers
and a copy on the secretary's desk for member
review.

Sickness and Distress – None reported.

Correspondence – Christmas Greetings from G.L.,
letter advising procedure for meeting change when
regular meeting falls on a Statutory Holiday. Notices
returned for Duncan Underwood and Willy Wright as
a result of moving. Email from Jordie York advising
decision to remain a member and continue to publish
On the Level. Requests for Demits received from
Murray Hay, Peter Wilson, and Blake Sluth.
Worshipful Master authorized their issuance. Thank
you letter from the Legion for our donation to the
Poppy Fund. The rest of the correspondence was
looked after at the G.P. Meeting as required.

Moved by WBro. Cyril Abbott, Seconded by WBro
Springsteel, Peter Wilson dues for 2008 be waived.
Carried.

Upcoming Events

GP meeting - 9:00 am Sat. Jan 12/08
Regular Meeting Thurs. Jan. 17/08

Minutes Cont.

Bills and Accounts – Meeting expenses exceeded budget by
\$14.84. All other expenses were within budget. Moved by
Treasurer, seconded by WBro Cyril Abbott the expenses be
referred to the Finance Committee and if in order all items are
paid. Carried.

Reading of Petitions – None

Report on Petitions – Favourable report on the petition of
affiliation of Donald R. Strate.

Balloting – Favourable ballot on the petition for affiliation of
Donald R. Strate.

Committee Reports – Minutes of the General Purposes
meeting were summarized. It was noted that waiving Jordie
York's dues had to be approved at a general meeting.

Moved by Treasurer Bill Quinn Seconded by WBro. Cyril
Abbott the 2008 Dues for Bro Jordan York be waived. Carried.

Paul Fraser Education Fund is investigating setting up a
charitable organization and 5 members are required to sign the
application to be submitted in early January.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – WBro. Mike Douglas reported on the District
Meeting of November 28, noting 7 members from Cornerstone
attended, a very Favourable number compared to lodges with
much higher memberships.

Education – Bro. Neil Jowett presented a paper on Eliphaz
Levi, a Brother who joined the craft later in life. He was one of
the most important contributors to Masonry through his
writings. He spent time in jail and was excommunicated from
the Church for his writings, but did reconcile with the Church
before his death.

Officers Step Up – The Offices and Members stepped up to
their new positions for the year 2008.

Good of Masonry – Worshipful Master Elect Jim Carswell
announced the January 8 Installation of Officers, January 17
Regular Communication and Degrees on March 13 & 20 and
the Burns Supper on. January 26.

The Meeting was closed in harmony at 10:23 by Worshipful
Master Elect Jim Carswell.



Eliphaz Lévi

Eliphaz Lévi, the subject of Bro. Neil Jowett's Dec. 20 presentation was born **Alphonse Louis Constant**, (February 8, 1810 - May 31, 1875) was a French occult author and magician. "Eliphaz Lévi," the name under which he published his books, was his attempt to translate or transliterate his given names "Alphonse Louis" into Hebrew.

★ **OPINION** ★

How long has it been since you have seen him?
How long since you spoke to him at a meeting?
Have you wondered what is happening in his world that keeps him from lodge?

A brother hasn't been to lodge in months and no one has called to find out why. There was a strategy to deal with this but it was dropped and I have to wonder if it shouldn't be reinstated when I start to see reports of brothers demitting.

Perhaps the latest demits have nothing to do with the issue but it doesn't change the fact that we need to be more overt in connecting with our absent brethren and if the previous plan didn't work we need a new one.

From The Historical Register

Bill Holmes Sr. is on holidays 'down under' so we will have to wait until the February issue for the next installment. G'd on yer Bill!

A Wee Poem by Robert Burns

(In honor of the Burns Supper on January 26.)

Man's A Man For A' That - 1795

Is there for honest Poverty
That hings his head, an' a' that;
The coward slave-we pass him by,
We dare be poor for a' that!
For a' that, an' a' that.
Our toils obscure an' a' that,
The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The Man's the gowd for a' that.

What though on hamely fare we dine,
Wear hoddin grey, an' a' that;
Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine;
A Man's a Man for a' that:
For a' that, and a' that,
Their tinsel show, an' a' that;
The honest man, tho' e'er sae poor,
Is king o' men for a' that.

Ye see yon birkie, ca'd a lord,
Wha struts, an' stares, an' a' that;
Tho' hundreds worship at his word,
He's but a coof for a' that:
For a' that, an' a' that,
His ribband, star, an' a' that:
The man o' independent mind
He looks an' laughs at a' that.

A prince can mak a belted knight,
A marquis, duke, an' a' that;
But an honest man's abon his might,
Gude faith, he maunna fa' that!
For a' that, an' a' that,
Their dignities an' a' that;
The pith o' sense, an' pride o' worth,
Are higher rank than a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may,
(As come it will for a' that.)
That Sense and Worth, o'er a' the earth,
Shall bear the gree, an' a' that.
For a' that, an' a' that,
It's coming yet for a' that,
That Man to Man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that.