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CORNERSTONE LODGE No. 19

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Minutes of the Regular Communication Cornerstone No. 19 Dec. 17, 2010

Register signed by 21 members, 2 visitors.
Lodge Tyled at 7:40 p.m. by W. M. Jason Caumartin.
Lodge was lowered to an EA Lodge.
MW Malcolm Berry, RW Garry Bonnell were in attendance and sat it the East.

Visitors - SW read the visitor register

Notice -That portion of the notice calling the meeting was read.

Previous Meeting Minutes - DDGM Bonnell signed the November meeting minutes.

Petitions - One petition for affiliation of Jorges de Freitas was read. An investigation committee will be assembled.

Reading of Reports on Petitions - No reports

Bills & Accounts - Within budget.

Correspondence - Request for marked demit from Joe Banbur to be issued. Received a Christmas letter from Grand Lodge, and a request from Salvation Army to volunteer to run the kettles. Remaining correspondence was notices from other lodges.

Sickness & Distress - Bro. Cote is not in good condition but John Longson has improved

Lodges Visited by Brethren - Perfection

General Purposes Meeting - S. W. read the minutes

Entertainment Committee: Robbie Burns night in January. Ladies & Widows night on December 7, 2009 was an enjoyed evening. Attendance from masons was poor, but overall a good night. Mike to get widows pins from Bill Quinn. Jason to find out number of attendees from installing lodge for Jan. 6. New Years party needs more discussion as some interest was presented.

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Education Committee- Education program to be presented next regular communication

Temple Board - Next meeting date January 19, 2010. Casino funds came in (~\$42000)

Website - In the process of being updated. More information needed from the brethren to fill the pages.

SW Word - Demit

Point of Protocol - Deferred until next meeting.

Unfinished Business - Wand tops to be finished in January. Mark to get pricing to replace all wands & tops. Jim Carswell presented items to Paul Ripley. Jason Caumartin presented Masonic bible to Paul Ripley. Jason Caumartin & Garry Bonnell presented 50 year jewel, certificate from GL & letter from GLWM Brian Shimmons.

New Business: Mark Toon presented SD with new Bible markers.Step up night for incoming officers.

Elsewhere About the Lodge: Stephen Broadley asked questions: Why are there 7 stars in most lodges and why are they arranged in the Big Dipper? Why are the four corner tassels actually tassels?

Raised lodge to a MM lodge.

Lodge Closed: 9:10 p.m.

Education: Mark Toon & Jason Caumartin presentation on famous masons during fellowship.

Opinion

The New Year is upon us. Traditionally, this is a time of renewal, rebirth, a time of 'do-overs'. This is a time of resolutions, some small, some more significant but in spite of our failed attempts, each January we still get another opportunity to try to get it right. Here's to those who try.

★HAPPY NEW YEAR★

The Importance of Myth and Legend



For millennia, myth and legend have been employed to carry spiritual allegories and politically uncomfortable truths into the public consciousness. At the beginning of the twentieth century, scholars tended to dismiss these myths as “inspired fiction” and steadfastly ignored the fact that tribal, national and religious traditions, including Christianity, deliberately generated their own mythologies to buttress their belief systems. Thanks to Joseph Campbell and others, there has been a radical revision of the true value of mythology. Myths are now known to be understood at many levels and are often a useful signpost to truth. Campbell declared that: “Mythology is the penultimate truth, because the ultimate cannot be put into words.” Anada Coomeraswamy claims that: “Myths embodies the nearest approach to absolute truth that can be stated in words.” Kathleen Raine, the poet, said, “Fact is not the truth of myth, myth is the truth of fact.”

The term “Holy Grail” is often claimed to be a corruption of the term “Holy Gradual”, in which the word ‘gradual’ is used in the sense of a slow spiritual ascent or initiatory pathway. In the early 1980’s the words “Holy Grail” or “Sangraal” as it is written in French, were defined as a corrupt version of Sang Real, or “Holy Blood,” in the book *The Holy Blood and The Holy Grail*. This was the first English-language mass publication that stated categorically that Jesus had married and founded a dynasty. It received a very mixed reception, being greeted with howls of protests alleging “blasphemy” and “heresy”

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Cont...on the one hand, and on the other, equally loud cries of “brilliant” and “provocative.” This was nothing new, for the original Grail stories also provoked a mixed response – soon after their first publication, they were clearly regarded as a distinct irritant by Catholic Church. By that time, they had already gained wide public acceptance and suppression was out of the question. So the Church fell back on a tried and tested formula: it put out its own version and circulated it widely. It created a highly sanitized and censored variation of these stories that was in total conformity with Church doctrine. This “official” version became known as the Vulgate Cycle and became the foundation for later writers such as Thomas Mallory, whose *Morte d’Arthur* in 1469 sealed the link between the Arthurian legends and the Grail sagas. The Church had apparently solved the problem of the heresy in the original sagas, in a manner that was to endure for centuries.

From The Historical Register

100 Years Ago - Jan. 6, 1910

R.W. Bro. S.R. Hodson, DDGM installed the officers for the coming year. He also presented W. Bro. Bedingfield with a very nice Past Master’s apron and jewel, the gift of the lodge.

50 Years Ago - Jan. 21, 1960

Bros. A. Donald Morrison, Glen T. Morrison and Murray G. Morrison, Herbert E. March, and Melvin A. McCaig were obligated in the F.C. Degree. Bro. J.L. Morrison, father of three of the new F.C.s treated the members to hot roast beef, buns, coffee, cake and ice cream. 50 brethren attended.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 10, 1985

A Joint Festival Communication was held in Nanton to install the W.M.s and invest the other officers of Nanton #17 and Cornerstone #19 Lodges. Installing Master was W. Bro. Doug Christie.

★★ Upcoming Events ★★

GP meeting - 9:00 am Sat. Jan. 16/10
Regular Meeting -Thurs. Jan. 21/10