



ON THE LEVEL



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The Wearin' o'the Kilt At Cornerstone Lodge #19.



The Scottish tradition is alive and well as seen in this recent photo taken at Cornerstone and modeled so aptly by Bros. Blake Sluth, Jeff Kimura and Bob Neish.

The **history of the kilt** stretches back to at least the end of the 16th century. Although the kilt is an item of traditional Scottish highland dress, the nationalism of that tradition is relatively recent. It was only with the Romantic Revival of the 19th century that the kilt became irreversibly associated with Highlanders, and was subsequently adopted by Lowlanders and the Scottish Diaspora. The word *kilt* comes from the Scots word *kilt* meaning to tuck up the clothes around the body. The Scots word derives from the Old Norse *kjilt*, which means "pleated", from Viking settlers who wore a similar, non-tartan pleated garment.

The Great Kilt

The *Breacan an Fhéilidh* or *Féileadh Mòr* was originally a length of thick woollen cloth made up from two loom widths sewn together to give a total width of 1.5 m, up to 5 m in length. The great kilt, also known as the belted plaid, was an untailed draped garment made of the cloth gathered up into pleats by hand and secured by a wide belt. The upper half could be worn as a cloak draped over the left shoulder,



Highland soldiers wearing a Government Tartan great kilt, with the plaid being used to protect the musket lock from rain and wind. circ. 1744
Great Kilt cont.

hung down over the belt and gathered up at the front, or brought up over the shoulders or head for protection against weather. It was worn over a *léine* (a full sleeved garment gathered along the arm length and stopping below the waist) and could also serve as a camping blanket.

A description from 1746 states: "The garb is certainly very loose, and fits men inured to it to go through great fatigues, to make very quick marches, to bear out against the inclemency of the weather, to wade through rivers, and shelter in huts, woods, and rocks upon occasion; which men dressed in the low country garb could not possibly endure." The solid colour kilts of the Irish were also usually soaked in goose grease to make them waterproof

Upcoming Events

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

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

Out of the Minutes

Regular Communication of Cornerstone Lodge # 19
February 15, 2007

28 Members and 3 Visitors signed the Register.
Lodge was Proven. A Fellowcraft was discovered and escorted to the door and required to leave.
Lodge was Tyled at 7:40 by W. M. Mike Douglas.
Lodge lowered to Fellowcraft Degree and Fellowcrafts admitted together with WBro. Garth Cochrane, who was posing as an entered apprentice.
Notice calling the meeting was read.
Grand Lodge officers & visiting Masters invited to the East.
Visitors welcomed from Nanton No. 17, Calgary No. 23, and Fiat Lux 1980.
Minutes - Approved by the principle officers and tabled for the review of the Brethren.
Sickness and Distress – WBro. Swede Nelson’s wife passed away in December and he has moved to the 2nd floor of the Hospital. His wife had been keeping him organized and after her passing he could not remain independent.
MWBro Malcolm Berry is in England where a sister is ill.
Bro. Jordie York sends his regrets that he has the flu.
Petitions Reports – Report on David Parish is Favourable.
Balloting – for Initiation of David Parish. Favourable.
Bills and Accounts- All bills and accounts are in budget.
Committee Reports – G.P. February 10 Minutes were read. Included was the resignation of WBro Blake Sluth as Junior Warden due to personal problems. The Spring Tea for the Ladies will be reinstated under the direction of the Junior Warden.
Entertainment – Burns Night was fun and enjoyed by all. Many members helped and made it happen.
Education – The year is set.
Temple – Help is needed for the Casino or dues will have to rise substantially to cover our rent.
Web Page – Operational. Bros. Bill Holmes Sr. & Jr. are looking after changes and additions.
Unfinished Business – Wbro. Mark Toon presented Bro. Stephen Patrick with the New Mason’s Award for 2006.
New Business – VWBro Glen Springsteel moved, Cornerstone request dispensation to move the officers forward as per Sec 19.14 re: Constitution of Grand Lodge. Seconded by Bro. Neil Jowett. Carried unanimously.
Moved by Bro. Bill Quinn, seconded by Cyril Abbott,

Editorial Comment by J.B. York

To reap rewards one must make investments.

I wish to thank those members who have contributed to ‘On The Level.’ I welcome articles, opinions, and comments regarding anything of interest to the members at: email, jcyork@shaw.ca or 169 Signal Hill Circle S.W. Calgary T3H 2H9.

Minutes Cont.

“Cornerstone open an account with ING Direct. The secretary be authorized to sign the required papers.”

Education – Bro. Bill Stark presented a biography of Count Cagliostro. An argument could be made that the Count started life as a rogue but reformed and changed his name to Cagliostro. As Cagliostro he became a prominent Mason in England.

WBro Garth Cochrane gave a paper on Proving the Lodge, giving suggestions how to remove intruders, and putting forth possible solutions why the ritual is silent on the way to remove intruders

Lodge was raised to the Master Mason Degree and closed in harmony at 11:00.

From The Historical Register

100 Years Ago

April 2, 1907

The Lodge held its first annual “At Home” for brethren and ladies which was a great success and will be remembered by the brethren in attendance for many years to come. The luncheon was both very tasty and delicately arranged.

50 Years Ago

March 21, 1957

At refreshment, Bro. D.K. McKenzie gave a resume on Demolay Chapters with a view to starting a chapter in High River. Attendance: 31.

25 Years Ago

March 18, 1982

The DDGM was received in form. The Masonic Cabaret reported a profit of \$616. W. Bro. Bramley gave a paper on the “Origin of the Altar”. R.W. Bro. Fairhurst spoke on “Making Visitors Welcome”. Attendance: 27.