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Minutes of the Regular Communication of Cornerstone No. 19 February 19, 2009

22 Members and 9 Visitor signed the Register.
 Lodge Tyled at 7:40 p.m. by W. M. Jason Caumartin.
Notice – Portion of notice calling meeting was read.
G.L. Officers and W. M.s were invited to the east
Visitors were welcomed by the members.
Bro. Gene Oakes proved up as a master mason and was presented with his blue apron.
Jr. Wardens Point – Holy Book of all religions represented in a Lodge may be open on the alter.
Sickness and Distress – RWBro. Malcom Berry is continuing w/chemo but it's making him uncomfortable.
 Bro. Mike Dougherty's wife Joyce's funeral was well attended by Masons. Mike is at Home. Bro Richard Newman has finished chemo. Lois Costing now lives at Edgemont Lodge. RWBro. Sam Moore, GSW is gravely ill, and not expected to recover. RWBro Jack Ward thanked the Lodge for the get well card.
Correspondence – Masonic Medal of Merit forms and info received from G.L., and Bursary App. forms available on web site. Semi Annual Return filed. Grant request from 187 Foothills Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron received/abled for follow up at the G.P. Request rec'ed from Colin Steadman for support of an event to support Prostrate Cancer. Tabled for follow-up. Job's Daughters requested support for Megan Semaniuk to represent the org., including travel. Email greetings from Bob Ober. Other items covered at the GP Meeting.
Minutes – Approved and signed by the three principal officers. Copy on Secretary's desk for members' review.
Bills and Accounts – All bills and accounts within budget. A list of accounts is on the secretary's desk.
Reading of Petitions/ Report of Committee on Petitions/ Balloting – None.
Visiting – RWBro. Glen Springsteel visited Granite, WBro. Jason Caumartin attended Calgary 23 for E.A. Degree. He encouraged members to visit. Bro. Gene Oakes visited Perfection Lodge and acknowledged the help of Bro. Garth McCallum in completing his degrees
Committee Reports – Bro. Neish summarized the minutes from General Purposes Meeting.
 Entertainment - Bro. Stark advised the Burns Night came off well. 82 paying guests attended. Less than 12 Cornerstone members came out. Even fewer helped set up and clean up. Bro. JW is open to suggestions for future events including Robbie Burns.

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Education – Brother Toon's lecture tonight is about the VSL's of other religions. The next 3 presentations will cover the history of Masonry. This fall he is planning to replicate a Masonic Trial. 1765 performances are being planned for King George Lodge in June and Fort Edmonton sponsored by Griesbach Lodge.
Temple Board – Bro. Bill Quinn reported the kitchen is progressing and stove not to be used.
Web Site – Bro. Mike Bergstrom has talked to Bros. Jowett and Humble and has information to contact web developer. Contributions for the site are welcome.
Membership – Bro. Caumartin asked all brethren to think about who could be approached about joining Cornerstone. Applications must be in by the next meeting to be included in the EA Degree in May
Unfinished Business – By Laws were returned from Grand Lodge with two adjustments to reflect Jurisprudence Committee rulings of June 1998.
New Business – None.
Education – VWBro Jamie Beckstead commented on the quality of Calgary 23 EA Degree, and gave some history concerning Ladies being invited to accompany their significant others to the Spring Workshop. He opened his remarks with reference to the book "Why No Women Initiated", by Rudolph Steiner. He explained that the Workshop was a retreat for Masons, but over the years changes were made so the Ladies could attend. It is now a social event after the Masonic activities.
A talk on what some of the other major religion VSL/s was lead by WBro Mark Toon presenting an overview. Presentations followed by VWBro Cyril Abbott on Christianity and Judaism, Bro Darnel Bass on Islam, WBro. Kelly McDonald on Hinduism and Buddhism, and Bro Bill Stark presented Taoism. Some of the religions have more than one book as a guide to Living.
Presentations – WBro. Jim Carswell was presented with his Past Master Jewel by WBro. Jason Caumartin and RWBro Roy Zurowski.
 WBro. Jim Carswell Presented Darnell Bass keepsake to remember the night he proved up as Master Mason
 The Visitor of the Year certificate for 2008 was presented to WBro. Roger Higham by WBro. Jim Carswell.
RWBro. Roy Zurowski gave a few closing comments including the meeting was well run and worthwhile.
WBro. Jason Caumartin, closed Lodge in harmony at 10:48



GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE

Style of formal building between the 12th and the 16th centuries, characterized by interior height featuring pillars, arches and the rib vaulting, and exterior solidity featuring walls supported by "flying buttresses. In England, Gothic Architecture begins as 'Early English' moves thru 'decorated' and ends as 'perpendicular.'

The Children of Solomon and the Templars

The third fraternity, the Children of Solomon, is perhaps the most important of our investigations into the origins of Freemasonry. They built Chartres Cathedral and most of the other great Gothic cathedrals, such as Rheims and Amiens, which are all marked with their signature, the chrisme à l'épée, a Celtic cross enclosed in a circle. They were taught the principles of sacred geometry by Cistercian monks. Significantly, they were named after King Solomon who was responsible for building the first temple in Jerusalem. Another branch of the Compagnonnage who built many of the Templar churches in the south of France was known as the (cont.)

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Compagnonnage Tuscana, and its traditions trace the origins of its mysteries back to Egypt and Biblical Ireal via Roman and Greek routes.

They claimed to be part of the ancientcollegia of constructors known as les Tignarii that had been founded by the Roman initiate Numa Pompilius. The precise nature of the relationship between the Children of Solomon and the Templars is Mysterious. It is unclear whether thisOrder of Craftmasons was an integral part of the knightly Order, affiliated with it in an undocumented manner, or just associated with it by usage. What is known is that, at the behest of Bernard of Clairvaux, the Knights Templar gave a rule to this fraternity in March 1145 that was prefaced by the words:

We the Knights of Christ and the Temple follow the destiny that prepares us to die for Christ. We have the wish to give this rule of living, of work, and of honor to the constructors of church that Christianity can spread throughout the earth not so that our name should be remembered, O Lord, but that Your Name should live.

From The Historical Register

100 Years Ago - March 1909

No report in Historical Register.

50 Years Ago - March 1959

Regular communication. RW Bro. H. Gray, DDGM, was received in form. He gave an address entitled "What Is Masonry?" pertaining mainly to the E.E. Degree. Attendance: 40.

25 Years Ago - March 1984

W. Bro. Don King gave a talk on architecture and the meaning of the tassels. The Lodge was invited to join with Cayley Oddfellows in a curling bonspiel and potluck supper. 8 teams entered and enjoyed the event

★Upcoming Events★

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

Regular Meeting -Thurs. Mar. 19/09

Spring Workshop April 17-19 Kananskis