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The Victor Writes The History



Benedict Arnold

January 14, 1741 – June 14, 1801

The 'traitor', **Benedict Arnold**, was among those patriots of the American Revolution who were whipsawed back and forth by political intrigue and infighting causing him to be both hurt and resentful at the manner in which he was treated. At times a hero and at times totally shunned. Arnold ultimately decided that the 'cause' for which American patriots were fighting was wrong and he defected to the side of the British. In so doing, he became a hero for his military actions in Canada. Brother Arnold's military actions were executed in a way as to save many lives and it is because "victors write history" that he is now regarded as an arch-villain by Americans. In Canada and the UK, his stature is far different than in the United States. We would recommend for your reading "Benedict Arnold: Patriot and Traitor" by Willard Sterne Randall (1990, William Morrow & Company, Inc., NY).

Knights Templar

Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon
Pauperes commilitones Christi Templique Solomonici



A [Seal of the Knights Templar](#), with their famous image of two knights on a single horse, a symbol of their early poverty. The text is in Greek and Latin characters, *Sigillum Militum Xpisti*: followed by a [cross](#), which means "the Seal of the Soldiers of Christ".



From The Historical Register

100 Years Ago - May 1908

W. Bro. Percy Taylor, IPM, attended the third annual meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Edmonton, and was elected DDGM of Masonic District #6.

50 Years Ago - May 1958

The M.M. Degree was conferred on Bro. Ted Way. Attendance: 32.

25 Years Ago - May 1983

Regular Communication. Attendance: 19 members, 1 visitor.

Out of the Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Communication of Cornerstone No. 19 April 17, 2008

23 Members and 4 Visitors signed the Register.

Lodge was Tyled at 7:30 p.m. by Acting Worshipful Master Glen Springsteel.

WBro. Michael Douglas was presented with a Past Master Jewel and thanked for the excellent job he did for the Lodge in 2007.

WBro. Glen Springsteel inquired if any Entered Apprentices were waiting in the anti room. Lodge lowered to Entered Apprentice Degree to admit them.

The Entered Apprentices admitted, Bros. Darnell Bass, David Parish, and Andrzej Wojcicki were examined on their proficiency in the Entered Apprentice Degree, and found satisfactory.

Lodge was raised to the Degree of Fellowcraft and the Fellow Craft Degree performed by our Past Masters to pass Darnell Bass, David Parish, and Andrzej Wojcicki to the Degree of Fellow Craft.

S.W. Word – Salute - When standing in Lodge we salute the Worshipful Master as a reminder of the Obligation of the Degree we are in, and to keep us mindful of the importance of the Obligation.

Sickness & Distress – Bro. Gord Reed sent his regrets at not attending Lodge but had to drive to Saskatchewan regarding his job. Bro. Mike Bergstrom sends regrets, being in Moose Jaw.

Minutes – The Minutes of April 17 have been approved by the 3 principle officers and a copy is on the Secretary's desk for member revue.

Correspondence – Letter of Good Standing received from Elma Lodge No. 456, ON, confirming membership status of Bro. Frank Mawer. Invitation to RWBro. John Hart to attend our May meeting and a performance of a 1765 investment re-enactment. Letters from Grand Lodge advising Centennial celebrations by Apollo Lodge of Stettler, Kenilworth Lodge of Red Deer, and Star of the West Lodge in Leduc.

Email from MWBro David Hongisto sending regrets for his absence this evening.

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Minutes cont.

All other correspondence was taken care of at the General Purposed Meeting.

Bills and Accounts - All Expenses are within budget and on the Secretary's desk for Brother revue. Copy of current financial statements is also on the desk.

Reading of Petitions – None.

Reports of Committee on Petitions – None.

Balloting – Application for initiation of Spencer Edward Keith, 407 High Park Blvd NW, High River, AB.

Born May 31 1970, Professional Engineer/Sales Leader, Telus Communication, and Application for Affiliation of Frank Arthur Mawer, 9, 901 Macleod Trail, High River, AB,

Born March 21, 1922, Retired.

Both Ballots were Favourable.

Visitations to Other Lodges – WBro Mark Toon visited Acacia Lodge in Vancouver BC and Griesbach in Edmonton and brought warm greeting from the Lodges and WBro. Blake Sluth of Vancouver, formerly of Cornerstone Lodge. WBro James Carswell and several other members visited Calgary No. 23, and Granite Lodge on their Oyster Night, where John Middleton Hope was guest speaker, and brought back warm greeting from both. Jared Abbott sends his greeting and greetings from Lodges he is visiting in the East. RWBro. Glen Springsteel brought greetings from Fiut Lux and King George Lodges.

Committee Reports – Carried over to May.

Unfinished Business – RWBro Glen Springsteel reported tardiness on getting the paperwork out to set the Paul Fraser Education Fund and advised VWBro Bill Holmes will be assisting him in the future.

New Business – None.

Good of Masonry- Regular Communication May 15, with a re-enactment of a 1765 Initiation.

May 1 Glenbow Lodge presenting 50 Jewel to Bros. Art Hazel and Henry Retziaff.

July 5 Calgary Stampede Breakfast at Freemason Hall.



Upcoming Events

GP meeting - 9:00 am Sat.May.10/08

Regular Meeting Thurs. May. 15/08