

ON THE LEVEL

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CORNERSTONE LODGE # 19 NEWSLETTER

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Masonic Funeral

On September 29, 2006, High River was the scene of true honor and respect for a deceased brother, as W. Bro. Paul Fraser was laid to rest with full Masonic honors. It was decided that the brethren would move in procession from Cornerstone Lodge, down the one-kilometer distance to the site of the memorial service. We all knew that Paul wanted a Masonic service, demonstrating his deep commitment to the Craft. We also knew that his wife, Karen, wanted to honor Paul's request and was very moved when we suggested our proposal to her.

Almost 80 Masons in full regalia were present for the procession, led by Lodge brother and piper, V. Wor. Bro. David Hongisto, and supported by the Grand Master of Alberta, Most Worshipful Bro. Malcolm Berry and many other Grand Lodge officers. As near as we can tell it was the first time that Masons had honored one of their own with a procession of this sort in High River.

There were many people who stood and watched what for them would be a unique experience. As the piper played, all Masons felt a sense of brotherhood in a new and moving way, experiencing something that will last forever in the memory of those present. Many brethren expressed their opinion as to how important it was to ensure that their families were aware of their desire to have a Masonic funeral.

W. Bro. Paul Fraser was a Mason through and through, and would have been both honored and humbled by this outpouring of love and respect. His humor and good nature will be missed by all of us.



Masonic Honors for W. Bro. Paul Fraser. Brethren from Cornerstone arrive at the Chapel after marching in procession one kilometer from the Lodge.

Upcoming Events

GP meeting - 9:00am Sat. Nov. 11/06
Regular Meeting Thurs. Nov. 16/06

Grand Master's Visit

The GM of Alberta, the VW Bro. Malcolm Berry joins us at the Nov. 16 meeting.

Annual District Meeting 2006

Hosted by Glenbow Lodge No. 184

Sat. Nov. 25, 2006

Freemasons' Hall

330-12th Ave. S.W. Calgary, AB

Registration: 11:00am. to 1:30pm

Luncheon: 12 noon

Tyle: 1:30pm

Jazz Night, Nov 25, 7pm.

Charlotte Jackson Band

Round Tables of 8 are available

Tickets \$25 per person includes appetizers,

Christmas Party Dec. 3

2:00 PM Dinner at 4:00

Tickets: R.W. Bro. Blake Sluth, 995-1224 or 619-9991
Email: bjsluth@telus.net Fax: 995-1225

Out of the Minutes

Regular Communication of Cornerstone Lodge #19

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006

- Lodge was Tyled at 7:33 p.m. by WM Mark Toon. 28 Members and 12 Visitors signed the Register
 - **D.D.G.M.** was Received and Greeted in Form on his annual Official Visit to the Lodge.
 - **Minute of Silence** in memory of W Bro. Paul Fraser.
 - **Brothers** Stephen Patrick, Paul Ripley, and Bill Stark were proficiency in the work of the E A Degree and were passed to the Fellowcraft Degree.
 - **Sickness & Distress** –Karen Fraser was still hurting badly from Bro. Paul's call to the Grand Lodge Above. WBro. Cyril Abbott is away on High River business.
 - **Petitions** – for Affiliation received from James Kelly McDonald, sponsored by Bro. Mike Douglas and WBro. Cyril Abbott.
 - **Correspondence** – Grand Lodge announces; the Centennial Celebrations for Calgary No. 23 and joint celebrations for Vermillion Lodge No. 24 and St. John's Lodge No. 25. We received word that the *Grand Master of Alberta, VWBro. Malcolm Berry* will attend our November meeting. We received a 'Thank you card' from Karen Fraser for our tribute to Bro. Paul.
 - **Committee Reports**
 - Entertainment advised that the Jazz Night on Nov. 25 is well in hand. December 3, at 2:00 p.m. is our Xmas event and include the ladies and children.
 - General Purposes Committee has decided to increase dues to \$250.00 per annum. Dues can be paid with post-dated cheques. Seniors' dues are to be frozen at the level they are when the member turns 65.
 - Education Committee advised the mentoring sessions have being successful and will be ongoing. Readings will be suggested for the MM Degree.
- Next Regular Communication November 16

Editor's Note - Jordie York

I have accepted the challenge of editing 'On The Level' and will do the best I can to see that the excellent standard of work set by my predecessors, continues.

Thanks to Bros. Bill Holmes, Cyril Abbot and Bill Quinn for their help and guidance.

I welcome your input of articles, critiques, book reviews or whatever is on your mind.

Submit to: jcyork@shaw.ca by month's end.



Christmas Party Dec. 3

The party will begin at 2:00 p.m. Cornerstone Lodge members will host the Christmas event and wish to include the ladies and members' children. There will be Carol singing and a visit from Santa.

Brothers are asked to bring a gift for their child, if they want Santa to give it out. Meals are \$10.00 but no charge for ladies or children. Dinner is at 4:00 p.m.

From the Historical Register

100 Years Ago

Nov. 26, 1906

M.W. Bro. Keeley, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. J.T. MacDonald, DDGM, endowed Cornerstone Lodge with its charter and installed W. Bro. Percy Taylor and invested the other officers for the ensuing year. Rented rooms in the Koch Block were used as the lodge rooms until 1964 when the present temple was constructed

50 Years Ago

Nov. 15, 1956

Regular communication. The Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. E.H. Rivers was in attendance along with visitors from Calgary, Stavely and Blackie Lodges. M.M. Degree was performed on Bro. Stanley McKay. Attendance: 55.

25 Years Ago

Nov. 19, 1981

Regular communication. Bro. Al McCartney was elected W.M. for 1982. Attendance: 22 members and 4 visitors. An Emergent Communication was held Nov. 25 to perform a Masonic Funeral at Vulcan for our late Bro. G.A. Thomas.