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CORNERSTONE LODGE No. 19

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Minutes of the Regular Communication

Cornerstone No. 19 Sept 17, 2009

22 Members and 10 Visitor signed the Register.

Lodge Tyled at 7:40 by W. M. Jason Caumartin after a presentation of \$1000.00 to Paula Groenwold representing the 187 Foothills Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

Notice – Portion of notice calling the meeting was read.

G. L. officers and Worshipful Masters invited to the East.

David Parish proved up as a Master Mason and was presented with his Master Mason Apron.

Visitors from Roslin Lodge South Africa, Fortitude Lodge 131, Nanton 17, Calgary 23, Zetland 83, and Glenbow 184 were given a warm welcome by members.

Sickness & Distress - Bro. Carl Reish is on heavy medications and declined an invitation to attend Lodge. He did send warm greetings and wishes to the Lodge.

Minutes – Approved & signed by the 3 principal officers, a copy on the Secretary's desk for members to review.

Correspondence – Letters from Grand Lodge advising the 100th Anniversary of Palestine Lodge No. 46 October 24, in Tofield AB. Semi Annual Return filed with Grand Lodge. Letter from the Temple Board enclosing AGM minutes, summary of subsequent meetings, financial statements, and information for the sing to be erected outside. Letter from Peter Wilson requesting a demit. Thank You card from Meagan Semaniuk of Job's Daughters, for our donation to her travel Fund. Royal Canadian Legion requested a donation to the 2009 Poppy Campaign.

Other correspondence was looked after at G.P. meeting.

Bills & Accounts – Printing costs exceed budget because of cost of colour printing. Other expenses were within budget. Moved by Bro Bill Quinn that the bills and account be referred to the finance committee and paid if approved. Seconded by Bill Holmes. Carried.

Report of Committee on Petitions – Report on Application for Initiation of Lewis Andrew Fraser is Favourable.

Balloting – Ballot on the application for Initiation of Lewis Andrew Fraser of 1114 High Glen Place, High River, AB., born March 18, 1981, age 28 employed by Meat Processor, Foothills Custom Meat Processors - Favourable. Cont.

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Visitation – Gene Oaks visited Perfection Lodge where his application for affiliation was found Favourable.

Garry Bonnell visited with Calgary 23, Elbow River, and Nanton Lodges. Jason spoke on his attendance at the Lodge in Heritage Park affording an opportunity to visit with other brothers and have conversations with informed and misinformed persons.

Committee Reports – General Purposes Meeting was summarized and Degrees were confirmed.

Entertainment Committee is putting together a Halloween party, moving forward on our Widows and Ladies Night. Charity Focus was discussed and a tentative division of 65% to go for foreign support and the remainder local. Specific foreign charities are to be looked into for our support.

Education Committee has moved the Masonic Trial to November as it is a larger undertaking than realized earlier. In the months following next month's Degrees, additional explanations will be presented in Lodge.

Web site report the framework is in place, but a request for input got no results. A section has been added to record the papers and other Lodge presentations.

The Temple Board had no report.

New Business – VWBro Bill Holmes moved "Cornerstone donate to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign an amount the same as past years". Seconded by WBro Jim Carswell and carried. Bro Bill Quinn advised the amount donated last year was \$100.00

Elsewhere About the Lodge – Bro. Bill Holmes Jr. knows a professional fundraiser and will touch base with him to see if we can obtain some pointers in direction to raise funds.

Bro. Paul Ripley thanked the Lodge for use of the projector and screen used at his anniversary celebration.

RWBro. Jim Ross asked if Carl Reish has been presented his 60-year jewel. Bro. Secretary to investigate.

Greetings were presented by visitors and Garry Bonnell brought greetings from the Grand Master and district Lodges not attending. He introduced WBro. Mark Toon as District Education Rep and RWBro Roy Zurowski as Masonic Foundation Rep. The District Meeting will be hosted by Corinthian Lodge October 30 and Zetland Lodge will have their Table Lodge on Oct 10. He offered a ride to anyone interested in going to Tofield for their 100th Anniversary.

Worshipful Master Jason Caumartin closed the Lodge in Harmony at 9:23



The Holy Grail and The Templars

The Knights Templar (known for centuries as “The Knights of the Holy Grail”), and the author of the first grail saga originate from one of the leading Rex Deus families.

Many people throughout Europe and the Christian world have been familiar with the Rex Deus legends and stories for centuries yet are, at the same time, completely oblivious to their heretical origins and true import. The stroke of genius that led to the composition and dissemination of the stories of the search for the Holy Grail truly immortalized the spiritual teaching of the Rex Deus. This literary genre was created simply to spread the initiatory teachings of Jesus far beyond the narrow confines of the families who were descended from the high priests of the Temple in Jerusalem and outward into the consciousness of the general public.

The Grail sagas are a clever amalgam of pre-Christian traditions with a Christian gloss and containing a coded guide to the true teachings of Jesus. The Grail itself is described as a chalice, a cup, a stone that fell from heaven, a stone within a cup or a magical bowl and is believed to be capable of restoring life to the dead or good health to the wounded or infirm. Cont.

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It is represented as the “stone within the cup” carried by Melchizedek in the carving of this priest-king of Jerusalem that stands in the Portal of the Initiates by the north door of Chartres Cathedral, or as the cup of Joseph of Arimathea carried by a monk depicted at Rosslyn Chapel.

A Leading Rex Deus Family

The Counts of Champagne were one of the most important families of the Rex Deus group in Europe. They played a leading role in the foundation of the Knights Templar and were the original patrons of Cretien De Troyes, the author of the first Grail Saga.

Life is about winning and losing, standing and falling, joy and sorrow for in this universe, there are two of everything.

From The Historical Register

100 Years Ago - Oct. 28, 1909

R.W. Bro. Samuel R. Hodson, DDGM for this district, paid the Lodge his official visit. Bro. Hodson is a member of Corinthian Lodge #22 and publisher of the Okotoks Review newspaper.

50 Years Ago - Oct. 15, 1959

Regular communication. Moved and carried that annual dues be increased from \$10 to \$12.50 per annum. Moved and carried that collection for lunch be discontinued. Attendance: 27.

25 Years Ago - Oct. 18, 1984

The annual meeting of District 6 was hosted by Cornerstone. R.W. Bro. Jim Ross, DDGM, chaired the meeting. Good attendance reported.

★★ Upcoming Events ★★

GP meeting - 9:00 am Sat. Oct. 10/09
Regular Meeting - Thurs. Oct 15/09