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Worshipful Master Leslie D. Charlton was born and raised in the Toronto Beaches area where he attended Public School and Malvern Collegiate Institute. He is a graduate from Centennial College with a diploma in Industrial Microbiology and also holds diploma as Accredited Safety Auditor from the Loss Control Institute in Toronto.

At an early age, his love of music and guitar enabled him to become a member of the St. Georges United Church Youth Choir. The youth choir made several recordings and theatrical appearances in the local community. Charlton was actively involved in Scouting. The Lieutenant Governor General of Ontario, the Honorable Earl Rowe presented Les with the

highest honour achievable in scouting, a Queen's Scout designation. With his father as his guide he grew up hunting and fishing, but now prefers to shoot with a camera and has taken many courses from silver plating to digital and studio design. In later years he again drew on musical affiliation and enjoyed a second career as a Disc Jockey.

In his professional life Charlton is currently a Management Safety Professional with experience at both corporate and facility levels in a variety of industrial settings primary metals, chemicals, automotive, lumber, food & beverage as well as Health Care. His expertise includes Occupational Safety, Industrial Hygiene, Security, Fire Protection, Workers' Compensation and Environmental Affairs. His career has taken him travelling across Canada, the United States & Europe.

Charlton was initiated into Freemasonry, passed and raised in St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll, in 2005 and was installed Worshipful

Master in May 2010. He is a member of the Concordant body the York Rite and holds a Royal Arch Degree which he received in the Oxford Harris Chapter in 2007. Between the years 2006 and 2008 he served on the Ingersoll Temple Corporation as a Director and was appointed to the Lodge Properties Committee Chairman for Wilson North District in 2008.

Les, his wife Almeda and their several Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs have worked and resided in the Ingersoll area since 1982. His children Adam, and Milynne now reside in Toronto. Les enjoys visits from his two grandsons Julian and Mateo. His grandsons always look forward to visits to Grampa Charlton's farm to ride on the tractor.

When Les is not busy with his public and private avocations he assists his wife in a new retail venture "A Dogs House" on Oxford Street, Ingersoll.



GRAND HONOURS

A new member may be quite confused when he first assist in giving Grand Honours. We will soon discover Grand Honours are given in four ranks.

- WM 3 times
- VW 5 times
- RW 7 times
- GM 9 times

These Honours are given at installation and at the time of visitation in an official capacity of officers of the

above ranks.

The Grand Lodge bulletin of Alberta (May 1973) explains the practice and symbolism this way.

1. Slapping the thighs is a gesture of joy, enthusiasm and thanks.
2. Crossing the arms over the breast is the formation of a cross of St. Andrew and a sign of respect and Honour.
3. Clapping the hands above the head to form a right angle triangle, the fourth part of a circle which does not need explanation to a

mason.

4. clapping the hands, a sign of enthusiasm and appreciation .

Thus with Grand Honours we say to a visitor,

We welcome you with joy.

We receive you with respect .

We greet you on the Square.

We appreciate your presence.



June Anniversaries	Years
R.W.Bro Milt Miree	54
R.W.Bro Joel Piper	46
Bro. Tom Brown	37
V.W.Bro. Jon Bowman	36
W.Bro. Scott Naisbitt	27
Bro. Joel Sawyers	12
W.Bro. Kent Cunnington	7
Bro. Ken Hutcheson	7



September Anniversaries	Years
Bro. Thomas Finucan	49
W.Bro. Tom Patience	31
Bro. Paul Jagoe	24
Bro. Malcolm Chivers	23
Bro. Frank Veres	23
W.Bro. Chris Beacham	21
Bro. Ryan Robertson	4

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THE MASONIC 25 YEAR PIN

Presented June 15, 2010



Jack Young

Phil Yetman

Mike Bowman

Scott Naisbitt

MAY HE WHO WEARS THIS EMBLEM FIND THAT HE IS NOT ALONE
WE ARE THERE. AND WE CARE!

COMMUNITY AWARENESS JUNE 30, 2010



WM Les Charlton welcomes Mr. Lee during the networking Lunch.

The Town of Ingersoll hosted a group of 18 delegates from various branches of the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture near Beijing.

Delegation members toured the town on Wed., June 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., including a networking lunch at the Seniors Activity Centre at 12:30 p.m.

St John's no. 68 Masons were represented by WM Les Charlton as one of the towns community groups engaged in the town development.

SPAGHETTI DINNER JUNE 27, 2010



Bro. Santosh David, Bro. Adam Soward & Bro Gord Lesser

St. John's Lodge started the Spaghetti Dinner as a fund raiser to support our 150th anniversary activities. The meal became so popular in the community, we decide to maintain the last Sunday of the month schedule and have the Ingersoll Masonic Corporation manage events. Attendance has peaked from 35 to 102 over the years. Caption on the left shows Bro Lesser training 2 new cooks, our new EA Bro. David and JW Bro Soward. Next dinner is scheduled for September 26.



ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND FAMILY ATTENDING A
DIVINE RELIGIOUS SERVICE
ST. JAMES AGLICAN CHURCH
184 OXFORD STREET
SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2010

Friend to Friend Night



Wednesday, October 27, 2010

at the

Ingersoll Masonic Center

190 Thames Street,
Ingersoll, Ontario,

Contact: Bro. Ryan Robertson (519) 670-5200

Email: ryanrobertson@amtelecom.net

Social: 6:00 p.m. **Dress:** Business/casual

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$15.00pp

MASONICHP

W. Bro Scott Naisbitt is the Chairmen for St. John's Lodge Masonic-Chip program held in the Ingersoll Masonic Center on Sat. July 10 during the Canterbury Folk Festival. The event was jointly sponsored with King Hiram Lodge no. 37.

Nine St John's Brethren came out in support of the event. In all 72 children were processed this year.

JULY 10, 2010



NEW LODGE CHAIRS & LIBRARY PROJECTS



On Saturday August 7 all hands were on deck to remove chairs from ITOPA theater and replace the worn chairs in our Lodge. It was a pleasure to see both Lodges working together to accomplish the task in short order. Seen above are the Temple board event organizers W. Bro Kent Cunningham and Bro. Peter Able relaxing upon completion.



Bro. Joel Sawyers, Library Committee Chairman, seen putting the finishing touches to our new book cabinet in his workshop.

ST. JOHN'S BLOOD DONOR CLINICS



Our successful clinics are held every month alternating between CAW Hall and Masonic Center. Pictured above are regular volunteers W. Bro. George Harry & Bro. John Bell at the CAW hall and Committee Chair man w. Bro. Mike Bowman at our Masonic Center.

BEEF ON A BUN AUGUST 28, 2010



Great food, weather & fellowship made for a successful combination during the Ingersoll Harvestfest weekend.



Family Picnic and Barbeque

Sunday, October 3, 2010



CAW Park & Hall (pending weather)

Contacts: Bro. David (519) 485-6261
Bro. Bula (519) 425-7210

Fun begins at: 1:00pm Cost : \$20/family
Please bring a Salad or Dessert.

We are planning to Host

Alumni Degree Team
at our regular meeting on

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

To conduct a 3rd degree

Mark this one on your calendars



You and your lady are cordially invited

by the Brethren of the

St. John's Lodge No. 68

to a

Ladies Night Dinner & Dance

on Friday, November 05, 2010

at the

Elm Hurst Inn

415 Harris Street,
Ingersoll, Ontario,

Contact: Bro. Gord Lesser (519) 485-0245

Email: info@lessorbrothersjewellers.com

Social: 6:00 p.m. Dress: Formal

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$40.00pp

This evening there will be a special presentation in honour of the Widows of St. John Lodge members



ST. JOHN'S NO. 68

THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP

190 Thames Street
Ingersoll, Ontario

2	PRESERVE THE PAST	2
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0	ENRICH THE FUTURE.	1

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Communication Chairman
Jack Young : 519-268-3277

A **door knocker** is an item of door furniture that allows people outside a house to alert those inside to their presence. This is also a slang used to describe the position of Inner guard who alerts the Tyler of our presence. It seemed appropriate to provide members of our Lodge who do not regularly attend meetings, to alert them of our presence in the community and planned events. Hence the Headline, **"The Door Knocker"**.

LODGE HISTORY - THE BEGINNING



The year was 1803 and a group of settlers in the new community of Oxford-on-Thames decided to form a Masonic Lodge. Arrangements were made with the Grand Lodge of England and on June 24th 1803. Grand Lodge opened in the cabin of Robert Sweet, and formed King Hiram Lodge No. 12 Provincial register.

The first members were as follows: James Burdick, Worshipful Master; Enoch Burdick, Senior Warden; Samuel Canfield, Junior Warden and W.M. Sumner as Secretary pro tem. The lodge prospered, and was affiliated with several Grand Lodges over the years.

On March 4th, 1856 the following members withdrew from King Hiram Lodge; Bro. J. Galliford, Bro. G.A. Cameron, Bro. John Patterson and Bro. John Fursman and with the assistance of M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, on March 15th, 1856, the new Lodge of St. John's A.F. & A.M. No. 36 was instituted. The Installation ceremony was opened to the neighbouring lodges, and to the general public by invitation, the Installation Ceremony was held in Jarvis Hall.

From the minutes of King Hiram Lodge No. 226 (now 37) dated March 14th 1856.

"It was moved by Bro. R. Wright, seconded by Bro. G.W. Allen, that this Lodge send its jewels to the new Lodge that is to be installed to-morrow night."

Extract from a letter written by M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, dated March 15th, 1856.

"I am compelled to be present this evening at Ingersoll to keep an appointment there."

To be continued ...

V.W. Bro Jon Bowman
Lodge Historian

MASONIC SURVEY RESULTS



1. Is the meeting day of the week suitable? **Yes 89%**

Are the number of times per month suitable? **Yes 89%**

3. How many social events should be held each year? **2-3 72%**

4. What Social Events would you be interested in attending

Family Picnic 1st or 2nd choice **56%**

Ladies Night 1st or 2nd choice **50%**

A Night at the Theatre 1st or 2nd choice **39%**

5. Do you attend lodge on a regular basis? **Yes 94%**

6. Are you interested in visiting other lodges? **Yes 83%**

7. Would you be interested in receiving your Summons via email? **Yes 56%**

8. Would you like to receive the past meeting minutes via mail? **Yes 56%**

9. Would you like to be contacted to provide more information? **Yes 67%**

Question 2 responses were varied. If you were Worshipful Master what would you do differently?

- Variety in monthly meetings.
- If possible include education element into every regular meeting.
- Emergent meetings for candidates who wait to long. Don't just ask, tell all line officers what is expected of them.
- I would like to try to get back to original protocol. We are heading in that direction. Also, more education for newer members.
- Have the best degree team.
- Masonic education at every lodge. History testimonials from senior brethren.
- Things are going well now. Financial reports in open lodge more often.
- I consider St. John's lodge to be excellent in terms of work quality, community involvement, and social climate. It is a pleasure to attend our regular meeting. To my mind the present mix is near perfect. This is a well run operation both Administratively and Masonically

Thank you for your Input and cooperation.

COMMUNICATION CHAIRMAN



We hope that you find this publication to be a useful addition to the arsenal of our Lodge. Your suggestions for future editions will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

V.W. Bro. Jack Young