

# THE DOOR KNOCKER

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## DDGM WILSON NORTH 2010 - 2011



**R.W. Bro. Kenneth S. Small District Deputy Grand Master Wilson North District,** was born in Kitchener and Raised in Galt, Ontario.

He presently resides in Drumbo, Ontario with his wife Betsy. They have two children, Brad a Production Manager for Maple Leaf Foods and Katie a Registered Practical

Nurse and Personal Support Worker Supervisor for the Woodstock Red Cross.

R.W. Bro. Kenneth S. Small is employed at Rothsay Rendering a division of Maple Leaf foods, in procurement and customer service and his wife Betsy is a Accounts supervisor with Grand River Foods.

They are also the proud Grandparents of two Julia 5, and Cole 2 ½.

Our R. W. Master has been involved in many organizations, mostly sports related, as a coach, referee and administrator. He is an active member of Plattsville Lodge No.178 in Washington, Ontario.

For the last two years R.W. Bro. Kenneth S. Small has worked with R.W. Bro. Ron Findlater and R.W. Bro.

James Truscott on their District teams as the Lodge Resources Chairman. During which time he enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with all of the District Lodges.

Our R.W. Master was elected to the District Deputy Grand Master in July at the Grand Communication in Toronto.

He said "This was a great and humbling experience". The regalia that I proudly wear was given to me by R.W. Bro John Hofstetter who was D.D.G.M of the Wilson District in 1982.

R.W. Bro. Kenneth S. Small said he is honoured to serve the Wilson North District, and enjoys sharing the Masonic and Fraternal experience with the Lodges and Brethren.



## Anniversaries

October	Years
Bro. Melvin Craig	34
Bro. Todd Goold	5
Bro. Ken Hoare	41
Bro. Michael Holden	4
W. Bro. W. MacDonald	41
Bro. Don Shelton	54
V.W. Bro. Jack Young	26
November	Years
Bro. John Bell	16
Bro. Wesley Heslop	50
Bro. Gord Lesser	2
Bro. Robert McCaig	48
Bro. Wally Naisbitt	61
Bro. Charles Nash	64
Bro. Scott Pye	13
December	Years
Bro. Barclay Clifford	28
W. Bro. Larry Pye	15
Bro. Jamie Thomson	5
Bro. Cam Whiting	6

## FROM THE EAST



Brethren, Happy New Year!

Six months ago we set an ambitious agenda beginning with the St. John's Lodge Survey in June. Your voices were heard and we stepped up the pace achieving the

2010 plan together. Congratulations!

This is our 2nd issue of "The Door Knocker" and I trust you will find it informative, educational and inspiring.

There is an old saying;

*"Coming together is a Beginning,  
Staying together is Progress and  
Working together is Success."*

Now with 2011 upon us, let us work together for Success during the next six months of the St. John's Lodge Masonic year.



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**THE MASONIC 25 PAST MASTER PIN**



Gail MacKay

Robert Minler

Glenn Peters

Jon Bowman

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

**COMMUNITY AWARENESS**



401 Car Park Clean up



Did you know these are a few examples of the Organizations and Activities that St. John's Lodge supports through donations and physical presence in our community.

**FAMILY PICNIC**

OCTOBER 3, 2010



Bro. James Bula, wife Kelly and Bro. Santosh David organized the St. John's Lodge Family Picnic held at the CAW Hall. Food and games / events were all great. Fun was had by all. Above, Bro. Bula is facilitating a game of twister, W. Bro Mike Bowman is entwined in the game.

**CHRISTMAS KETTLES DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2010**



TO THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS YEARS CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



**FRIEND TO FRIEND**



OCTOBER 27, 2010



Friend to Friend Night held in the Ingersoll Masonic Center was chaired by W. Bro Kent Cunnington. The event was jointly sponsored with King Hiram Lodge and Dereham Lodge. The meal was provided by Bro Gord Lesser. As reported there were 26 members of the 3 Lodges in attendance and 10 visitors.



Bro. Santosh David Raised to the S.D of M.M. on Dec. 21, 2010. St. John's Lodge newest Master Mason. We look forward to watching you progress on your Masonic Journey.

**ALUMNI DEGREE TEAM**

NOVEMBER 16, 2010



St. John's Lodge hosted the Mocha Temple Alumni Degree Team, to perform a Master Mason Degree for candidate Bro. James Bula. Degree team officers were; W. Bro Wayne Young, VW Bro. David Durham, W. Bro. Randy Henry, W. Bro. Richard Berdy, W. Bro. Rick Jones. VW Bro. Ross Sutherland, VW Bro. Greg Jackson, W. Bro. Fred Smith, W. Bro. Leo Granton, VW Bro. David Brand. Obligation and raising performed by WM Les Charlton.



Visiting other lodges is a most gratifying experience among freemasons. We make arrangements to visit lodges every month and on this visit to Mercer Wilson Lodge we brought home the Challenge Gavel.

**LADIES NIGHT DINNER AND DANCE NOVEMBER 5, 2010**



Bro. Gord Lesser B2B Chairman organized a successful Ladies Night Formal Dinner and Dance held at the Elm Hurst Inn, during which the St. John's Widows were honored with a special presentation. MC for the evening was W. Bro Wilson McBeath. Among attendees were RW Kenneth Small and wife and Ingersoll Mayor Elect Ted Comiskey and wife. Music for the evening provided by WM. L. Charlton

**DIVINE SERVICE**

DECEMBER 5, 2010



During the 2nd Sunday of Advent, St. John's Lodge were welcomed to join the St. James Anglican Church for a Divine Service. In all there were 20 brethren present including their families.

During the service W.M. Les Charlton

gave the first reading from Isaiah 11:1-10, Bro. Adam Soward read Psalm 72, followed by R.W. Kenneth S. Small who provided the second reading from Romans 15:4-13. The Service was followed by a light reception in the a joining church hall.



**We are planning to Host  
The Widows Son Degree Team  
at our regular meeting on**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

**To conduct a 1st degree**

*Mark this one on your calendars*



*You are cordially invited by the Brethren  
of St. John's Lodge No. 68 to attend*

**An Evening at the Theater**

**For the February 2011 Production of**



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

**Email:** info@lessorbrothersjewellers.com

*Details will be available soon!*



ST. JOHN'S No. 68

## THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP

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Ingersoll, Ontario

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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".

### MASONIC QUIZ

**Q. What is the oldest thing in the western hemisphere of Masonic interest?**

**A.** A flat slab of rock found on the shore of goat island in the Annapolis Basin of Nova Scotia by Dr. Charles T. Jackson while making a survey in 1827. On it was cut the date 1606 and the emblem of the square and compasses.

**Q. Where was the first documented lodge established in Canada?**

**A.** The first lodge in what is now Canada was formed in 1738 by Major Erasmus James Philips at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia.

**Q. What is a cubit?**

**A.** A cubit is a measure of length originally denoting the distance from the elbow to the extremity of the middle finger, approximately 18 inches.

**Q. Who was Tubal Cain ?**

**A.** Tubal Cain was the inventor of edge tools and the first to work in iron or brass.

**Q. Why is the year 1717 an important factor in the history of Freemasonry?**

**A.** The era of modern Masonry began on June 24, 1717 when four London Lodges constituted themselves into a grand lodge, which eventually grew into the Grand Lodge of England.

### LODGE HISTORY - THE BEGINNING

Continued from previous edition....



On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 1856, the new Lodge of St. John's A.F. & A.M. No. 36 was instituted and a Bro John Galliford was installed as Worshipful Master.



In those days the streets were gravel with plank sidewalks that were raised six or eight inches above the gutters. The main streets were lit with gas lamps that hung from iron standards, and the village lamplighter had to make his rounds at dusk and again at daybreak. The streets in the business section were lined with hitching posts with iron rings for the hitching of horses. Many of these posts were fancy iron rods surmounted by a carved horse, There were also rails which were used for the tying of horses and teams.

WM John Galliford in 1856 was Reeve of the village of Ingersoll and operated a business as Shoemaker. His shop which was located on King street was destroyed in the great fire of 1872. Ironically, on April 6, 1863 it was Reeve John Galliford and Town Clerk R.A. Woodcock (*who was WM in 1861 and 1862*) signed the by-law to form the first and still going Ingersoll Fire Brigade.

To be continued....

### St. John's Lodge Calendar of Events 2011

January 18	Regular Meeting, we are Proving MM degrees and will hold a Lodge of Education.
February 15	Regular meeting, we are hosting the Widows Son Degree Team for a 1st Degree
March 15	Official visit by our DDGM R.W. Kenneth S. Small. Banquet to follow.
April 19	Regular meeting, we are conducting Elections for the ensuing year and holding a Lodge of Discussion
May 17	Installation and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

### 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