

THE DOOR KNOCKER

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BRO. WALLY NAISBITT 60 YEAR SERVICE AWARD



Bro. Wally Naisbitt is 88 years of age and was raised in Burlington, Ontario.

Wally was a gunner with the 6th Canadian Anti-Tank Regiment during WW II and spent over 4 years in Europe, primarily in the Netherlands (Holland).

He has a Dutch family that he still maintains close contact with to this day.

Wally is married 60 years to his wife Velma and they have 3 sons and a daughter.

He was employed at The Studebaker - Packard Corporation, in Hamilton, Ontario, for over 20 years as a parts representative and ended up as a fleet sales executive.

Wally and his family then moved to Ingersoll where he started a car sales dealership in the

mid sixties and in the latter part of his work career worked for Morrows/Ingersoll Fastener.

Wally and Velma currently live in a condo in Ingersoll.

He has been actively involved in his community with curling, Canadian Legion, and St. James' Church and of course Free Masonry.

His Masonic journey began in Burlington and then he affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, ON. in the eighties.

During the March 2011 meeting of St. John's Lodge, Wally proudly received his 60 year service pin as a Mason.



Anniversaries

January Years

Bro. Steve Albrough	12
W. Bro. Les Charlton	6
Bro. Ross Crawford	15
W. Bro. Graham Malpass	63
W. Bro. C. Yates	14

February Years

W. Bro. S. Bland	59
Bro. Ron Cartmale	43
W. Bro. Leonard Cowell	47
W. Bro. Doug Dynes	20
W. Bro. Brad Kempston	33
W. Bro. Gail MacKay	46
W. Bro. Robert Minler	45
Bro. Robert Older	24
Bro. Adam Soward	3
W. Bro. Robert York	48

March Years

W. Bro. Mike Bowman	27
Bro. Larry Johnson	30
W. Bro. Wilson McBeath	58
Bro. Trevor MCann	12
Bro. David Vyse	21

April Years

Bro. James Bula	1
Bro. Jim Gonder	23
W. Bro. William Sutherland	20
Bro. Howard Winegardner	32

FROM THE EAST



Brethren, can you believe it, another year has gone by!

I would like to express my thanks to the officers and committee chairmen that made this year a success.

Twelve months ago we set an ambitious agenda and together we did it. Congratulations!

I have accepted a 2nd term in the chair of King Solomon and look forward to working with the new team. With 2011-12 nearly upon us, we have new committees and new projects to enlighten us. The planning has already begun for a successful Masonic year ahead.

This is our 3rd issue of "The Door Knocker" and I trust you will find it informative, educational and inspiring.



THE MASONIC 50 & 60 YEAR

SERVICE AWARDS



Wally Naisbitt

Wesley Heslop

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

COMMUNITY AWARENESS



**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Canada**

St. John's Lodge No. 68 presented a cheque to the BBBS for the amount of \$1,000.00 this year to help support mentoring programs.

Monday clinics are running at 86% with 517 units collected and the Thursday clinics are running at 97% with 584 units collected. Both clinics are doing extremely well!



Canadian Blood Services
it's in you to give



MASONIC CHIP
JULY 9, 2011

VOLUNTEER FOR THIS YEARS
CAMPAIGN

CONTACT W. BRO. NAISBITT
WITH YOUR SUPPORT

ITOPA NIGHT

FEBRUARY 3, 2011



Brethren and ladies enjoyed company at the Mango Salad Restaurant for a pre-show dinner followed by the theater production of Painting Churches at the ITOPA theater in Ingersoll. Next year the B2B committee are looking to expand this social event by holding a Masonic night out at the theatre. We are planning to arrange with ITOPA a preview night that would will fill the theater through Masonic affiliation.

Did you know?... The St. John's visiting team represented our Lodge well at the Thistle Lodge Masonic Jeopardy night held April 28. A team of W.M. Charlton, Bro. Soward & Bro. Sawyers were awarded 1st prize. A fun evening enjoyed by all.

LODGE INSTRUCTION NIGHTS

OCTOBER 27, 2010

DDGM District Project

Brethren of St. John's Lodge no.68 raised donations in conjunction with the Benevolent Committee to the sum of \$1340.00 to be presented during the Regular May Meeting to the DDGM for the District Project "Sakura House Palliative Care in Woodstock". Well done Brethren!



During June, October and January R.W. Bro. Don Rumble our Education Committee Chairman provided us with three Lodge Instruction nights. He has shared with us information concerning the origins of Freemasonry to meanings behind the Degree rituals. He has also shared with us short Educational tidbits during every meeting this Masonic year.

WIDOWS SONS DEGREE TEAM

FEBRUARY 15, 2011



St. John's Lodge hosted the Widows Sons Degree Team, to exemplify a first degree. We hold the honor of being first Lodge to host the widows sons degree team. The 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. The acting candidate for the exemplification of the first degree was Bro. Santosh David

Visiting other lodges is a most gratifying experience among freemasons. Top right on this visit to King Hiram we recaptured the Challenge Gavel. Bottom right we presented the District travel gavel to Doric Corinthian Lodge



OFFICIAL VISIT OF DDGM

MARCH 15, 2011



Director of Ceremonies W. Bro. Wilson McBeath presented R. W. Bro. Kenneth S. Small District Deputy Grand Master of Wilson North District on his official visit to St. John's Lodge No. 68. After the conclusion of Lodge business the DDGM presented his District team and then convened a Lodge of Discussion on "What makes a Great Lodge".

Quarry Lodge

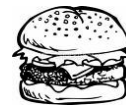
June 23, 2011



St. John's No. 68 is hosting the meal for this annual event



Mark this one on your calendars we will be calling for volunteers



Beef on a Bun Harvestfest weekend August 28 & 29

Mark this one on your calendars we will be calling for volunteers



LODGE OF DISCUSSION

APRIL 19, 2011

During the April regular meeting of St. John's Lodge, W. M. Les Charlton facilitated a Lodge of discussion. The objective was "what can be done to increase lodge membership in both short and long term". After a brief statistical delivery on lodge membership dynamics, members were divide into three groups for a brainstorming sessions, followed by all member discussion. A number of promising ideas were generated.



District Summer Olympics & Family Picnic
Saturday, August 13, 2011



Food and fun for all

Contacts: Bro. Joel Sawyers / Bro. Gord Lesser



ST. JOHN'S No. 68

THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP

190 Thames Street
Ingersoll, Ontario

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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

Continued from previous edition....

The following is a list of the first officers of St. John's Lodge:

Bro. John Galliford., W.M.
 Bro. John Patterson..... S.W.
 Bro. John Furzman J.W.
 Bro. W.I. McKenzie Secretary
 Bro. Chas. Parkhurst Treasurer
 Bro. Thos J. Irving..... S.D.
 Bro. Wm. B. Lasworthy L.D.
 Bro. Wm.Evans Tyler



The first regular meeting of St. John's-Lodge No. 36, (now 68) was held on April 18th, 1856. At this meeting Bro. Robert Cameron, aged 60, Yeoman, of the Township of Nissouri, was received as a Fellowcraft by affiliation, and the following were received by initiation in 1856: Alexander Bain, aged 43, Merchant, Centerville; Thompson McLeary, aged 26, Merchan , Ingersoll, and Alexander Mathew, aged 21, also a Merchant in Ingersoll.

The growth of the Lodge was rapid up to 1872, at which time we had 130 members, twenty of whom had affiliated from widely scattered provincial and overseas lodges. A remarkable entry is the one relating to Bro. Charles McCue who became our 51st member at the age of 104.

To be continued....

MASONIC QUIZ

Q. Can a member be excused from a) voting or b) balloting in Lodge?

A. a) a member may be excused from voting by the W. M.
b) all members present when the ballot is taken must ballot.

Q. If a candidate has another book of faith, how is it placed?

A. It is permissible to interpose the Holy Book of Faith of the candidate, on the V.O.T.S.L. and under the S. and C.

Q. On which side should the Senior Deacon be when attending the wands?

A. The S.D. should be on the right side.

Q. What is the Tyler's Oath and where can it be found?

A. It is usually given as part of a board of trial, so called because it was formerly administered by the Tyler. (see Book of Constitution Sec. 214c)

Q. Where did the words S.M.I.B. originate?

A. "Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for Charity". The earliest of all Masonic manuscripts *Regius M.S. c 1390* ends in this way. The phrase literally means "So may it be" or "So be it".

Q. Is it acceptable to applaud when a brother completes a piece of ritual?

A. It is completely inappropriate and should never occur.

Q. How should the I. G. carry the sword?

A. When carried, the sword must always be in an upright position in the r. h. with elbow into the side and the forearm parallel to the ground.

St. John's Lodge Calendar of Events 2011

May 15	Investiture of officers for 2011- 2012
June 3	Trip to Grand Lodge in Hamilton
June 5	South Oxford United Church Service
June 15	Regular meeting, 1st Degree.
June 26	District Service Mercer Wilson Gravesite
July 09	MasoniC.H.I.P. program.
July 20	Grand Lodge Communication
August 20	District Olympics & Family Picnic.
August 28 /29	Beef on a bun, Harvest fest weekend
September 20	DDGM Fraternal visit and 2nd Degree

COMMUNICATION CHAIRMAN



This addition marks the first year of publication. It has been a busy and productive year and we have done our best to radiate some of the enthusiasm that exists within and outside our walls. The Door Knocker exists to publicize the various contributions of our members to our Lodge in particular and to Masonry in general. As always we welcome your comments and suggestions.

V.W. Bro. Jack Young