

THE DOOR KNOCKER

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FROM THE EAST



I look forward to this 2nd term in the chair of King Solomon and working with the new team of officers for 2011 –2012.

We have new committees and new projects this year to enlighten us. The strategic planning is almost done and now it is just a matter of enjoying the fun ahead for a successful Masonic year.

This is our 4th issue of "The Door Knocker" and I trust you will find it informative, educational and inspiring.



Above is the new team of Officers invested in May 2011. Prior to the Investiture ceremony the now Past RW DDGM Kenneth S. Small was presented with a cheque from the membership for the District Project in the sum of \$1400. An additional fun gift was presented RW Bro. by SW Bro. Soward, a protective Cone for Ashlar trip hazards.

OFFICER INVESTITURE 2011



June Anniversaries	Years
R.W.Bro Milt Miree	55
R.W.Bro Joel Piper	47
Bro. Tom Brown	38
V.W.Bro. Jon Bowman	37
W.Bro. Scott Naisbitt	28
Bro. Joel Sawyers	13
W.Bro. Kent Cunnington	8
Bro. Ken Hutcheson	8



September Anniversaries	Years
Bro. Thomas Finucan	50
W.Bro. Tom Patience	32
Bro. Paul Jagoe	25
Bro. Malcolm Chivers	24
Bro. Frank Veres	24
W.Bro. Chris Beacham	22
Bro. Ryan Robertson	5

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENTERED APPRENTICE

Bro. Barry Alderson is a retired Quality Assurance Supervisor from GM Diesel. He is married 48 years to his wife Sharon and they have a Son and Daughter, 3 Grand children and 3 Great Grand children. Sharon and Barry have lived 42 years in the Hamilton Road Ranch home they built themselves. The Alderson's enjoy playing cards at the Seniors Center and checking out yard sales in the surrounding neighborhoods. They have traveled to Ireland, Arizona, Florida, Branson and British Columbia in their Motor home and now enjoy their Florida home 4 months of the year. Bro. Alderson says he looks forward to the fellowship of being a mason.



**We are Hosting the
Scottish Rite Degree Team
at an emergent meeting on
Tuesday, September 27, 2011
To conduct a 1st degree**
Mark this one on your calendars

**St. John's and King Hiram Lodges
are planning a
Day Light Lodge
On Saturday, October 15th
From 10:00 to 12:00**

Lodge will be arranged on the lower building level to accommodate all brethren.

**St. John's Lodge has arranged
with the Grand Lodge
Protocol & Etiquette Committee
to provide Education during our
December 21st regular meeting night**
Mark this one on your calendars

 ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND FAMILY ATTENDING A **DIVINE RELIGIOUS SERVICE**
HOLY TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
184 KING STREET
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2011
FOLLOWED BY A PILGRIMAGE SERVICE TO THE GRAVE SITES OF OUR 1ST WM JOHN GALLIFORD & HISTORIC MEMBER CHARLES MCCUE, 96 YRS A OF FREEMASONRY.

Friend to Friend Breakfast



Saturday, October 22,

at the

Ingersoll Masonic Center

190 Thames Street,
Ingersoll, Ontario,

Contact: Bro. Adam Soward (519) 539 0543

Time: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. **Dress:** Casual

TRIP TO GRAND LODGE AND SCOTTISH RITE BUILDINGS JUNE 3, 2011



Both St. John's and King Hiram members enjoyed a day together visiting the Grand Lodge building and Masonic Library in Hamilton, Ont. During the afternoon we had lunch in the Scottish Rite building followed by a tour. Great fun was had by all! Thanks go out to Bro. John Wilkes the event organizer.

**WEST OXFORD UNITED DIVINE SERVICE
JUNE 5, 2011**



King Hiram and St. John's Lodges held a Divine service at the West Oxford United Church. W. Bro. D. Presswell and W. Bro. Les Charlton read Scripture. Afterward we gathered for a Memorial Service for Joel Piper Sr. 1776-1858 conducted by RW Bro. Joel Piper.

**ST. JOHN ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICE & PILGRIMAGE
JUNE 26, 2011**



St. John's Lodge and King Hiram Lodges attended the annual pilgrimage service for our first Grand Master William Mercer Wilson at St. John Anglican Church near Simcoe, Ont. Bro. Norm French and W. Bro. Les Charlton both sang in the Masonic District Choir.

QUARRY LODGE "FEAST"

JUNE 23, 2011



Great food, Fellowship & Good Times made for a lot of fun at the Quarry Lodge hosted by Thistle Lodge. We also came home with the Challenge Gavel!

RAIN OR SHINE

MASONICCHIP

JULY 9, 2011



W. Bro Scott Naisbitt again chaired the Masonic-Chip program for St. John's Lodge held in the Ingersoll Masonic Center on Sat. July 9 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 69 children were processed this year.



FAMILY PICNIC

AUGUST 13, 2011

Bro. Joel Sawyers organized the St. John's Lodge Family Picnic. The event was enjoyed by all 30 that attended. And we send a thank you to the David family for hosting the picnic.

It was unfortunate the District Olympics were cancelled due to poor forecast attendance by District teams. However, as the Saints, we still retain the undefeated title. So better luck next year.



BEEF ON A BUN

AUGUST 27 & 28, 2011



The sell out crowd combined by great weather & fellowship during the Ingersoll Harvestfest weekend. This year we also added an information booth.

St. John's Lodge invites

VW Bro Dale Graham

Presenting a lecture on

"The Ancient Charges of Freemasonry"

October 18th Regular Meeting Night

If you have not seen this presentation before don't miss it!

Calling all Ingersoll Masons

Volunteer for this treasured community event

"The Santa Claus Parade"

Saturday, November 19th



We are planning to Host the

"Grumpy Old Men" Degree Team
at our regular meeting on

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

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 attend the 2nd annual

Ladies & Escorts Dinner / Dance

on Friday, November 05, 2010

at the

Elm Hurst Inn

415 Harris Street,
Ingersoll, Ontario,

Contact: Bro. Joel Sawyers (519) 485-4207

Email: joel.sawyers@xerox.com

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Dress: Formal

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00pp

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



ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 68

THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP

HOME OF THE SAINTS

190 Thames Street , 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 with a Newsletter to alert them of our presence in the community and planned events. Hence our Publication is called **"The Door Knocker"**.

LODGE HISTORY - THE BEGINNING



The first annual communication of Grand Lodge was held on July 9th, 1856, we were represented on this occasion by Bro. John Patterson, S.W. We attended this, and the second and third Grand Lodge communications as St. John's Lodge No. 36. During Grand Lodge in 1858, all of the Lodges were re-numbered and we emerged as St. John's Lodge No. 68.

The minutes and record books of the Lodge were destroyed in the great fire of May 7th, 1872, and the Lodge met for about a year in the Royal Hotel dining room. Fortunately Grand Lodge provided us with details pertaining to the period 1866 to 1872 and the days and dates necessary to set up our register. This book is still in use. At the first meeting after the fire, it was moved, seconded and carried "that a committee be appointed with full powers to act in conjunction with a committee from King Hiram Lodge to secure a hall for Masonic purposes and at as early a date as possible. On February 6th, 1873, the Lodges met in the new hall which became our home for 83 years.

On October 30th, 1873 the following motion appears in our minutes; Moved by John Kerr, seconded by Bro. Bain and resolved that this Lodge appoint a committee and request King Hiram Lodge to appoint a similar committee to act in concert together for the purpose of procuring some mark of appreciation to present Bro. Thomas Hamlyn for the manner in which at great personal risk he rescued from the fire the three Masonic Warrants, namely those of the Royal Arch Chapter, King Hiram and St. John's Lodges on the night of the great fire, May 7th, 1872.

To be continued ...

MASONIC SURVEY RESULTS



1. Enjoy receiving the Door Knocker newsletter last year? **Yes 100%**
2. Would you like the Door Knocker newsletter to continue? **Yes 95%**
3. Did you enjoy receiving your lodge summons in the mail? **Yes 100%**
4. Were you satisfied with the summons delivery & content? **Yes 100%**
5. Those willing to accept correspondence by Email? **Yes 74% No 26%**
6. Interest in a Daylight Lodge? **Yes 37% Maybe 47% No 5%**
7. Interest in the Family Picnic? **Yes 42% Maybe 26% No 26%**
8. Interest in Ladies Night? **Yes 42% Maybe 53% No 5%**
9. Interest in ITOPA night? **Yes 27% Maybe 63% No 10%**
10. This question concerned meeting attendance. 74% attend regularly 20 % had work conflicts or health issues and 5 % due to distance.
11. This question concerned types of Programs. 63% Masonic related history. Then there was an even split among Craft, Sports and Music.
12. This question concerned ritual. 36% enjoyed parts, 26% would rather just watch and the rest 38% would like small parts or required a lot of help

13. Do you know a possible good candidate? **Yes 11% No 68%**
14. Are the Present dues:
Too High 0% Satisfactory 90% Too Low 10%

Some of the comments concerning the Door Knocker were:

- *It's very good, just as it is, so far.*
- *I consider its format and contents, as is, to be well suited to the interests of St. John's members.*
- *Job well Done!*
- *It is very well done and informative.*
- *Excellent reading- reminder of events - District wide*

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