

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 68

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DDGM WILSON NORTH 2011 - 2012



R.W. Bro. Waldo A. Redekop has been a Mason for over 45 years. Initiated in Acacia Lodge No. 580 on March 16, 1966, affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge No. 107 in Lambeth and Past-master of Blenheim Lodge No. 108.

He is married to Donna and they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this year. They have two sons, Tom and Paul. Tom is also a member of Blenheim Lodge and lives in London. He is married to Felipa and they have two children, Jordan and Christina. Paul lives in Guelph and is still single.

Waldo has been on the boards of many groups in various positions such as president of the Oakville Entertainers, the editor of the Ontario District's Barbershop newsletter for 15 years; taught a week-end course for 18 years for editors and was secretary-treasurer of numerous clubs and organizations.

Some of the community organizations were sports organizations such as Minor Baseball, Figure Skating Club, Optimist Club (of which he was the charter secretary/treasurer) and Scouting in which he was the first Group Committee Chairman. He started with Beavers and Cubs and after a few years, as their boys grew older, Waldo was their first Scout leader.

He retired from the Ministry of Education in 1993 as Manager of Purchasing, Supply and Distribution with the Administrative Services Branch. Retirement allows more volunteer time and further education for Waldo

Donna joined him in retirement in 2004 after having worked in the insurance business for over 35 years.

Presently Waldo volunteers in a Seniors Luncheon each week and also volunteers at the Kiwanis Music Festival each year. He has sung in many choirs, including his church choir and two male gospel choruses. While working he sang in the Civil Service Choir and he still belongs to the Guelph Royal City Ambassadors, a Barber-shop chorus, although he has taken a sabbatical from all of the choruses including the two male gospel choruses for this year.

Waldo and Donna are looking forward to continuing with the volunteering that they do in the winter and their Lawn Bowling in the summer as well as spending time with their children and grandchildren at their trailer. He is eagerly anticipating an exciting year as the Wilson North District Deputy Grand Master.



FROM THE EAST



Brethren, Happy New Year!

At the beginning of my 2nd term in office 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 2011 plan together. Congratulations!

This is our 5th issue of "The Door Knocker" and I trust you will find it informative, educational and inspiring.

Now with 2012 upon us, let us work together for success during the next five months of the St. John's Lodge Masonic year. We look forward to the Masonic Theater night out at the Ingersoll Theater of Performing Arts (ITOPA). There are Dinner engagements sponsored by our fundraising committee and much more.



Anniversaries

October Years

Bro. Melvin Craig	35
Bro. Ken Hoare	42
W. Bro. W. MacDonald	42
Bro. Don Shelton	55
V.W. Bro. Jack Young	27

November Years

Bro. John Bell	17
Bro. Wesley Heslop	51
Bro. Gord Lesser	3
Bro. Robert McCaig	49
Bro. Wally Naisbitt	62
Bro. Charles Nash	65
Bro. Scott Pye	14

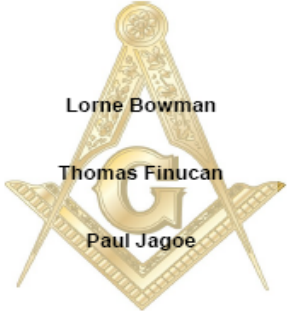
December Years

Bro. Barclay Clifford	29
W. Bro. Larry Pye	16
Bro. Jamie Thomson	6
Bro. Cam Whiting	7

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THE MASONIC 25, 50 & 60 YEAR
SERVICE AWARDS



Lorne Bowman
Thomas Finucan
Paul Jagoe

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

COMMUNITY AWARENESS



St. John's is involved in many community events, Remembrance day service, nature trail construction, Santa clause parade, Inter-Church Christmas Kettles and our website www.ingersollmasons.com, to name a few.

Worshipful Masters Workshop
September 24, 2011

St. John's Lodge hosted a WM Workshop for the District Masters to network ideas and plans for the coming year. During the meeting our DDGM RW Waldo Redekop shared important Grand Lodge information with the District Masters.

DAYLIGHT MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2011



A Daylight meeting was held jointly with King Hiram Lodge on Saturday October 8th on the main floor of the Ingersoll Masonic Center which allowed for easy access to Lodge for our older members.

SCOTTISH RITE DEGREE TEAM

SEPTEMBER 27, 2011



We were honored to host the Scottish Rite degree team for an emergent Meeting in September to perform a first Degree for our newest member Bro. Dennis Edey

MASONIC EDUCATION



Our Education Chairman RW Bro. Don Rumble has provided short educational talks for every meeting to date this year. This was complimented by RW Bro Kevin Smith in Sept. with Officer Progression training, RW Bro Dale Graham in Oct. with an address on the Ancient Charges and RW Bro. Gordon Crutcher in Dec. with a talk on Protocol and Etiquette.

FRIEND TO FRIEND 
OCTOBER 22, 2011

A Friend to Friend Breakfast held in the Ingersoll Masonic Center chaired by Bro Adam Soward. The event was jointly sponsored with King Hiram Lodge and Dereham Lodge. There was an excellent turnout for the Breakfast by the public and many took part in the Lodge Tour.

GRUMPY OLD MEN DEGREE TEAM NOVEMBER 15, 2011



St. John's Lodge hosted the Grumpy Old Men Degree Team, to perform a Master Mason Degree for Bro. Barry Alderson. We wish to thank the Past DDGM's of Wilson District for there excellent work.



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

LADIES NIGHT DINNER AND DANCE NOVEMBER 4, 2011



Bro. Joel Sawyers 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. Speakers for the evening were RW Waldo Redekop, Ingersoll Councillor Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence, Oxford County MPP Ernie Hardeman and WM Les Charlton. We look forward to next years annual event.

DIVINE SERVICE NOVEMBER 27, 2011



During the 1st Sunday of Advent, St. John's Lodge were welcomed to join the Trinity United Church for a Divine Service. In all there were 20 brethren present including their families.

Following the Service we made a pilgrimage to the gravesite of John Galliford and Charles McCue at the

Rural Cemetery in Ingersoll. John Galliford was the first Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge. The 51st member of St. Johns' Lodge was Charles McCue, known to hold the **longest proven record of Masonic membership in the world.**



We are planning to host the Woodstock Shrine Degree Team at our regular meeting on

Tuesday, February 21, 2011

To conduct a 2nd 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 9th 2012 Production of



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

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Details will be available soon!



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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"**.

LODGE HISTORY - THE BEGINNING



Continued from previous edition...

On December 27th, 1873 a Senior Warden's Jewel was presented to Bro. Hamlyn on behalf of the three organizations.

On September 3rd, 1874, plans for the dedication of the new hall were started and on October 30th, 1874 Most Worshipful Bro. William Mercer Wilson, arriving by special conveyance from Simcoe, dedicated the new Lodge rooms.

1875 - January 16th, the Ingersoll Lodges met in an emergent meeting to make arrangements to attend the funeral of M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson.

1881 - March 10th, a motion was made that St. John's Lodge grant the request of their members who live in Thamesford, full privileges to open a Lodge in Thamesford. On June 9th, 1881, Wor. Bro. Mathew Day, P.M. Bro. Francis Patterson and Bro. James Kennedy applied for and were granted their demits, to assist in forming the new Thamesford Lodge. The new Lodge was opened on October 6th,-1881.

1882 - June 1st, Most Worshipful Brother D. Spry. Grand Master, visited St. John's Lodge on this date and presented Wor. Bro. John Warnock with the regalia of a Grand Steward.

1917 - The Lodge rooms were extensively altered, refurnished and a new carpet laid. At the opening, Deputy Grand Master W. H. Wardrope was a distinguished visitor.

1920 - The Benevolent Committee was formed for St. John's Lodge.

To be continued...

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENTERED APPRENTICE



Bro. Dennis Edey was born and raised in a small mining town in the British Columbia mountains. When the recession of 1991 hit the western provinces hard, Dennis came to Ontario looking for opportunities.

He fell in love with the Great Lakes fishing and found a new home in Ingersoll which he claims reminds him of his birthplace. Dennis has two boys that are actively involved with the Ingersoll Soccer Club and Scouting which Dennis also volunteers his time. Dennis and the boys have frequent visits to British Columbia to see their grandparents.

Dennis volunteered at our Blood Donor clinics for almost a year before becoming a member of our Lodge and is looking forward to many years of service with the Family of Freemasonry.

St. John's Lodge Calendar of Events 2011

- Jan 17 Regular Meeting, we will hold a Lodge of Discussion conducted by Bro. Adam Soward.
- Feb 21 Regular meeting, we are hosting the Woodstock Shrine Degree Team for a 2nd Degree
- Mar 20 Official visit by our DDGM R.W. Waldo Redekop. Banquet to follow.
- Apr 17 Regular meeting, we are conducting Elections for the ensuing year.
- May 15 Installation and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

COMMUNICATION CHAIRMAN



The purpose of the Door Knocker is to keep you updated on the many happenings within our Lodge in a lively manner. Please feel free to call me any time if you have an idea that you feel will enhance our purpose.

V.W. Bro. JackYoung