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BRO. LORNE BOWMAN 60 YEAR SERVICE AWARD



Bro. Lorne Bowman is 85 years of age and was raised in Ingersoll, Ontario.

Lorne has held many occupations over the years from baker to printer and production control clerk.

But he finally found his niche in Sales

when he settled in at Weatherhead in St. Thomas for 22 years and retired at the age of 55.

Lorne claims the early years his life were unsettled until he married Iris Miller in 1950. Lorne shared 43 yrs marriage with Iris until she past away from cancer. They raised 3 daughters and Lorne now has 8 Grand children and 3 Great Grand children to occupy his time.

Lorne now lives with his partner Liz and they

spend time in their Ingersoll home or the family cottage and winters in Florida with other snow birds .

Lorne 's Masonic journey began when a family friend W. Bro. Russ Stringer approached him to join the Craft Lodge and was cosigned by his Uncle whom he did not know was a member of the St. John's Lodge no. 68. And so the dye was cast on May 18, 1951.

Lorne considers his entry into Masonry and joining St. John's Lodge one of his greatest accomplishments by adhering to Masonic principals during the past 60 years.



FROM THE EAST



Brethren, can you believe it, another year has past!

I would like to express my thanks to the officers and committee chairmen that made this year as successful as last year. Two years ago

we set an ambitious agenda and together we did it.

Congratulations Brethren!

I know that I leave the chair of King Solomon in good hands during next months installation of Worshipful Master—elect, Bro. Adam Soward. The planning has already begun for a successful Masonic year ahead.

This is our 6th issue of "The Door Knocker" and I trust you will find it informative, educational and inspiring. I look forward to being Lodge Secretary & Communications Chairman in the ensuing year.



Anniversaries

January Years

W. Bro. Les Charlton	7
Bro. Ross Crawford	16
W. Bro. C. Yates	15

February Years

W. Bro. S. Bland	60
Bro. Ron Cartmale	44
W. Bro. Leonard Cowell	48
W. Bro. Doug Dynes	21
W. Bro. Brad Kempston	34
W. Bro. Gail MacKay	47
W. Bro. Robert Minler	46
Bro. Robert Older	25
Bro. Adam Soward	4
W. Bro. Robert York	49

March Years

W. Bro. Mike Bowman	28
Bro. Larry Johnson	31
W. Bro. Wilson McBeath	59
Bro. Trevor MCann	13
Bro. David Vyse	22

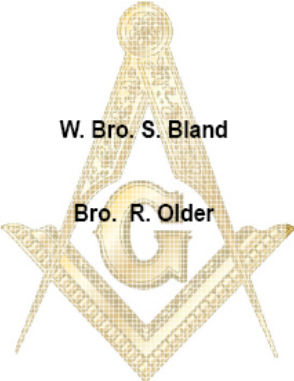
April Years

Bro. James Bula	2
Bro. Jim Gonder	24
W. Bro. William Sutherland	21
Bro. Howard Winegardner	33



**THE MASONIC 25 & 60 YEAR
SERVICE AWARDS**

W. Bro. S. Bland
Bro. R. Older



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

OUR LODGE IS PROUD TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT

Most Excellent Companion Michael J. Bowman
Grand First Principal
The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada
in the Province of Ontario
2012 - 2013



COMMUNITY AWARENESS



St. John's Lodge No. 68 presented a cheque to the Ingersoll Speed sharks. Pictures were taken for the Town newspaper.



**MASONIC CHIP
JULY 14, 2012**

**VOLUNTEER FOR THIS YEARS
CAMPAIGN**

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W. BRO. NAISBITT
WITH YOUR SUPPORT**



ITOPA NIGHT

FEBRUARY 9, 2012



Brethren and ladies enjoyed company during a pre-show Valentine Dinner held in the Trinity United Church, hosted by Bro. David and arranged by Bro Sawyers followed by the theater production of Borden Town Café at the ITOPA theater in Ingersoll. This is the 2nd successful year for this event. See you next year.



Did you know?... On June 24th in 1717, what is referred to as the premiere Grand Lodge was formed in London England, at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house

LODGE OF DISCUSSION



LODGE EDUCATION

DDGM
District
Project



Brethren of St. John's Lodge No.68 raised donations in conjunction with the Benevolent Committee to the sum of \$1400.00 presented during the March Official visit to the DDGM for the District Project "Alzheimer Society". Well done Brethren!



A Lodge of discussion was facilitated by our Master-elect Bro. Adam Soward during our January meeting about membership.

R.W. Bro. Don Rumble conducted Lodge education during our April meeting about the mystique and friendship surrounding the building of Scotty's Castle in Death Valley.



WOODSTOCK SHRINE DEGREE TEAM FEBRUARY 15, 2012



St. John's Lodge hosted the Woodstock Shrine Degree Team, to conduct a second degree for Bro. Denis Edey. The gavel was passed to W. Bro. David Foster and he introduced the members of his team: M.W. Bro. Allan Petrisor, R.W. Bros. Ray Dobbs and Joel Piper, V.W. Bro. Jon Bowman, W. Bros. Brian Armstrong, Glenn Ashman, Mike Bowman, David Kincade, Ken Minler, James Muir and Jack Peter. Obligation and raising performed by WM Les Charlton.

OFFICIAL VISIT OF DDGM MARCH 17 2012



Director of Ceremonies for the evening V.W. Bro. Jon Bowman presented R.W. Bro. Waldo A. Redekop District Deputy Grand Master of Wilson North District on his official visit to St. John's Lodge No. 68.

DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE APRIL 15, 2012

The Wilson North and South District Divine Service was well attended on Sunday April 15, 2012 at St. John's Anglican Church in Tillsonburg. Conducted by Reverend Father William Ward and hosted by Ashlar Lodge No. 701. RW Bro. Don Rumble & WM Les Charlton participated in the Masonic choir for the occasion.



Mark your calendars for the Divine Service of St. John's and King Hiram Lodges held at the West Oxford United Church on June 10, 2012. Afterward we gathered for a Memorial Service for Joel Piper Sr. 1776-1858.



Plan to attend the Annual pilgrimage service for our first Grand Master William Mercer Wilson at St. John Anglican Church near Simcoe, Ontario on June 24, 2012

Quarry Lodge



June 28, 2012

St. John's No. 68 is again 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 25 & 26

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



Family Picnic

Saturday, August 11, 2012



Food and fun for all

Contact: Bro. Santosh David

Details will be available soon!



ST. JOHN'S No. 68

THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP

HOME OF THE UNDEFEATED 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, to alert them of our presence in the community and planned events. Hence the Headline, **"The Door Knocker"**.

LODGE HISTORY - THE BEGINNING



1922 - A very special joint-meeting was held to install the Officers of both Ingersoll Lodges and also to mark the opening of the new Banquet Hall. Most Worshipful Bro. Col. W. N. Ponton, Grand Master, was the special speaker on this occasion.

1956 - March 15th, St. John's Lodge celebrated its 100th birthday. Our regular meeting in March was by special dispensation in order to have it coincide with the date of our formation, March 15th, 1856. At this occasion, the Officers were presented with Gold Regalia, and a Memorial Service was held for all those Brethren who in the past had contributed so much to this Lodge and to Masonry in general.

1956 - November 23rd, fire again destroyed the Masonic Hall, and fortunately for us, Bro. Ken Campbell, a member of the fire department was able to save our Charter. It was badly damaged but has been restored.

1959 - December 30th, St. John's Lodge No. 68 held an emergent meeting in the new Temple. This new Temple was built by and through the cooperation of the Ingersoll Lodges to ensure the continuation of the high ideals exemplified by our fraternity.

1967 - June 4th, St. John's Lodge assembled at the graveside of Bro. Charles McCue. On this occasion a memorial cairn containing the original grave stone was unveiled by Mrs. J.G. Poole of Toronto, a great grand-daughter and Barbara Nancekivell of Ingersoll, a great great granddaughter.

To be continued...

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENTERED APPRENTICE



Joel-Luc van Wieringen is 34 years of age, he was born in Ingham, Australia, spent most of his life living in Toronto, Ontario and Glencoe, Ontario. He currently resided in London with his wife Karolina. They have 2 young children Weronika and Paul. Joel -Luc and Karolina met in high school and their friendship carried them over into their young adulthood at which time they become inseparable.

Joel-Luc studied at George Brown College in Toronto graduating with a Furniture Design and Technician Diploma. He then followed his passion for history and religious studies while achieving a B.A. at King's College at the University of Western Ontario.

Joel-Luc has been employed in various manufacturing facilities in the London Area as well as a non-for-profit organization where he taught and supervised woodworking. He is currently employed at the GM Ingersoll Cami Facility.

Joel-Luc is active in sports and weightlifting. He has also taken part in the United Way Stair Climb and is looking forward to serving the community through his work with the St. John's Lodge No. 68.

St. John's Lodge Calendar of Events 2012

May 15	Installation & Investiture of officers for 2012-2013
June 10	South Oxford United Church Service
June 19	Regular meeting, Prove 3rd degree
June 24	District Service Mercer Wilson Gravesite
July 14	MasoniC.H.I.P. program.
July 18	Grand Lodge Communication
August 11	Family Picnic.
August 25 /26	Beef on a bun, Harvest fest weekend
September 18	DDGM Fraternal visit and 3rd Degree

COMMUNICATION CHAIRMAN



The Door Knocker exists to publicize the various contributions of our members to our Lodge in particular and to Masonry in general. It has been my pleasure to serve as Communication Chairman and I know the newsletter is left in good hands with W. Bro. Charlton as editor.
V.W. Bro. Jack Young