

**THE NEXT 25 YEARS**

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## **DEDICATION**

To the Brethren of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 63,  
Carleton Place from 1993 to 2018,  
to those who have gone before and to our future members who  
will continue our great tradition.

# FORWARD

As Historian of St. John's Lodge No. 63, I have wanted to reproduce the "History of St. John's No. 63, 1843 - 1993", and as we have now completed our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, to add "The Next 25 Years, 1993 – 2018."

It is hard to fathom the time and effort required to research the necessary information to write a history document. It is often assumed that the information is readily available, complete and accurate. The advantage in doing only the past twenty-five years is that where information is lacking or questionable, there may be individuals still living who can help fill in the blanks.

The History of St. John's No. 63, 1843 to 1993 was compiled by V.W. Bro. G. A. "Sandy" Docker. Its reproduction ran into several difficulties. First the software program it was produced with is now obsolete. Bro. Chris Morrow was able to copy it into a current MS Word program; however, it did not copy well and required extensive editing.

Also, new and or conflicting information has become available. Therefore, I have gone ahead to prepare "The Next 25 Years". Following is the "The Next 25 Years" 1993 to 2018.



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2017 - 2019

Brethren, I extend to you my personal congratulations in this our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. I was pleased to be included in some of your special events in my official capacity as Grand Master and as a member of St. John's No. 63. I commend the Master, Officers and Members of St. John's for their dedication and diligent work to make this celebration a great success and in particular to see your community included as part of an eventful Masonic year. Since inception in 1843, St John's has had a rich and colourful past which has been captured in the original "The History of St. John's No. 63" and this "The Next 25 Years." I wish you every success for the future and trust the years ahead will be filled with harmony and brotherly affection.





W. Bro. Robert Clow, Master  
St. John's No. 63  
2017 – 2018

I have been very fortunate and honoured to represent St. John's as Worshipful Master for our anniversary celebration in this our 175<sup>th</sup> year of Freemasonry. I am also very humbled to belong to a Craft Lodge with such a proud Masonic heritage that has been handed down to us by our Founding Brethren, the builders of our great Lodge. A man like Brice McNeely, our first Worshipful Master, was present before the formation of our nation. Our Brethren have had a significant history not only in Carleton Place, but throughout Ottawa District #1 and the Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario. Reading through the pages of this text, it is important to remember that a written history is more than a collection of dates, facts and events. It is a chronicle that concerns people; principally Masons and their contributions to the Craft and this community. Each generation of Masons has left a distinctive legacy. Our Lodge Historian has captured many interesting anecdotes that characterized the social aspects of the day including noteworthy Lodge events. "The Next 25 Years" is a continuation of our Lodge history. The story unfolds to tell us how and why the Lodge developed as it did, taking shape from the personalities of Brethren who preceded us since 1843. The Brethren who built this solid foundation can be assured of our pledge to ensure the principles and precepts of Masonry will forever flourish within the Lodge Room of St. John's No. 63.

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## An Overview of 1993 to 2018

Through 1993 to the spring of 2018, St. John's No. 63 continued as an active Lodge. However, there were some ups and downs when at times we were short of members willing to fill Senior Officer positions and during the later years of this era our membership is in decline.

During the shortage of Officers to fill positions, past Officers stepped up to fill in as can be seen in the list of Masters. The members of St. John's are thankful to these members for their dedication.

A committee was set up to plan the filling of the Officer positions. The committee was co-chaired by V.W. Bro. Phil Pilon and W. Bro. Bernie Duffen.

St. John's continued to be involved in the local community as will be seen in the following chapters.

## Lodge Meetings

Through these twenty-five years, Regular Meetings continued to be held on the second Wednesday of each month except in June, July, and August.

The installation of the new Master and Officers for the ensuing year was held at the Regular May meeting except in 2016 when an extra Regular Meeting was held on June 8, 2016 to install the new Master and Officers for the year 2016 – 2017, as the Master elect was not available for the Regular May meeting.

Emergent Meetings were held as required, usually to initiate, pass or raise Brethren who could not be accommodated at Regular Meetings. Emergent Meetings were also held when it was St. John No. 63's turn to host the Six Lodge Visitation.

The Regular Meeting in January 1993 was changed from its regular night on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the date of our first Meeting, which was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1843, one hundred and fifty years previous. Forty-two members and fifty visitors attended. V.W. Bro. G.A. "Sandy" Docker gave a half-hour dissertation on the history of the Lodge. A light meal was served after the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1, usually made his Official Visit to St. John's No. 63 at our Regular October meeting.

## Lodge Minutes

The minutes of the Lodge meetings were traditionally handwritten by the Secretary into a hard-covered Minute Book.



Starting in September 1992, the Secretary started typing them on a computer. In December 2012, Grand Lodge advised that all meeting minutes “shall be bound”.

The Lodge was reminded a couple of times by the District Secretary at his annual inspection that all minutes were to be kept in a hard-covered, bound book.

After extensive searching, R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley, with assistance from Historian Bro. Jim Tye, found all the typed minutes and sorted them into order.

In January 2016, Bro. Jim Tye and R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley obtained a quote from Smiths Falls Binding Company to have the Minutes Books bound. They would be bound into five books at a cost of \$50/book, plus HST. After permission was obtained from St. John’s Lodge, arrangements were made to have them bound by Smiths Falls Bookbinding.

Going forward, all minutes are stored in the Lodge fireproof safe. The minutes are kept in a loose-leaf binder in the safe with the bound books until enough minutes are accumulated to fill a bound book.

The Lodge Secretaries during this period were W. Bro. Roy Coker - April 1990 to May 1998, V.W. Bro. Harry Purdy - May 1998 to March 2011, and R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley - March 2011 to present.

## Interesting Events at Lodge Meetings

As mentioned above, the January 1993 Regular Meeting was changed to January 20<sup>th</sup>, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary date.

In the minutes of February 10, 1999, it is reported that W. Bro. Fraser Ellis lit a candle and explained that the Square and Compass would be used in memory of a deceased brother. Bro. Donald Gillespie McGregor had passed away on February 6, 1999. This practice was short lived due to fire safety concerns.

The minutes of September 8, 1999 indicate that Jim Tye and Harry MacDonald were initiated. There were thirty-one members and twenty- nine visitors in attendance. Bro. Tye is the author of this history document and recalls that R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, District Deputy Grand Master Ottawa District 1 and a member of this Lodge, was in attendance and often wonders how the Junior Deacon was able to perambulate the Lodge with all the extra chairs set up.

October 13, 1999 was the Official Visit of R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, District Deputy Grand Master Ottawa District 1. Forty-five members and ninety-one visitors were in attendance.

The minutes of February 12, 2000 indicate that Bro. Jim Tye was raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The ceremony was conducted by the Shrine Degree Team and it was noted that Bro. Milt Summers gave a moving presentation on the Shrine Fez.

At the Regular Meeting on October 9, 2002, W. Bro. James McIsaac was elected Master Elect for the remainder of the 2002 - 2003 Masonic year. This was required due to the untimely death of W. Bro. Rob Gracie who died on September 25, 2002, shortly after being installed in the Chair of King Solomon. At the Regular Meeting on November 13, 2002, W. Bro. McIsaac was installed as Master for the remainder of the 2002 - 2003 Masonic year.

Additional Past Masters sat in the Chair of King Solomon for the remainder of 2002 – 2003 Masonic year as follows:

- October – W. Bro. Jim McIsaac
- November – W. Bro. Steve Rothwell
- December – W. Bro. Phil Pilon
- January – W. Bro. Gary Murphy
- February – V.W. Bro. Harry Morris
- Emergent Meeting February 22 – W. Bro. Jim Birtch
- March – V.W. Bro. Harry Baker
- April - W. Bro. Jim McIsaac
- May - W. Bro. Jim McIsaac

At the Regular Meeting in January 2003, a motion was made to place a moratorium on applications for Life Memberships effective November 30, 2002.

In the fall of 2003, the Lodge started requesting members to receive their Summons via e-mail. Most signed up in 2007.

On April 15, 2005, the Lodge hosted a Grand Master's Appreciation Night for M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby.

In 2012, Grand Lodge came out with a policy that all buildings where a Lodge meets must have a Fire Plan. The Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation, which owns the building at 53, 55, 57 Bridge Street where the Lodge meets, developed the required Fire Plan. It was approved on September 6, 2013 by the Ocean Wave Fire Company.

On February 11, 2015, Bro. Jim Tye made a motion to loan the papers found in the Lodge that had come from the Corner Stone of the original Masonic Hall on Albert Street and some of the newspapers found under the carpet and removed in 2016 to the Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum. The original Masonic Hall on Albert Street was destroyed by the great fire which consumed a large portion of Carleton Place on May 17, 1910.

The Minutes of November 11, 2015 note that an "Empty Chair Ceremony" was conducted to remember our fallen soldiers.

The May 11, 2016 minutes state that elections were held for the upcoming year. These are usually held in April, but as the current Senior Warden would not be available in May, the elections were delayed for one month.

On June 8, 2016, a Special Meeting was held to install the Worshipful Master and Officers for the next Masonic year.

The minutes of October 12, 2016 note that W. Bro. Steve Elias of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371 of Prince Hall Masonry provided a short presentation on the history of Prince Hall. Lodge was called off for this presentation which was given in the Banquet Room.

The minutes of November 9, 2016 note that an “Empty Chair Ceremony” was conducted.

The minutes of March 8, 2017 note that talks were given on the Shrine, Royal Arch, Nights Temple, Eastern Star, the Masonic youth Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay.

The minutes of December 13, 2017 note that V.W. Bro. Gord Echlin and his Brothers from the Royal Arch put on a skit exemplifying the First Degree in Royal Arch.

The minutes of January 10, 2018 note that R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley presented Masonic Education on the Masonic Funeral Service.

At the Regular Meeting on March 14, 2018, the Lodge approved the purchase of a cast plaque in honour of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd.

## Long Range Planning

As is noted in the list of Past Masters, there was a time in the 2006 - 2010 era when members were not stepping up to fill Senior Officer positions. Sometime during this era, a Long Range Planning Committee was set up with W. Bros. Phil Pilon and Bernie Duffen as co-chairs. It continues to operate in 2018, with a meeting usually held in March or April of each year on a Saturday morning and includes all Lodge members. This meeting is to confirm that Officers are willing to continue their progression through the Chairs and to fill any vacancies.

## Special Visitors

The minutes of the Regular Meetings of December 8, 1993, December 14, 1994 and December 13, 1995 indicate that Brother Santa Claus from the Grand Jurisdiction of the North Pole was in attendance as a visitor. It was noted that he had a striking resemblance to W. Bro. Mervin Bonney.

The October 13, 1999 minutes indicate that it was the Official Visit of R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, District Deputy Grand Master Ottawa District 1. There were forty-five members and ninety-one visitors in attendance.

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby visited the Lodge at the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2004.

At the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2005, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald Mumby and several Grand Lodge Officers visited the Lodge.

Minutes of September 9, 2015 and December 9, 2015 note that R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, Deputy Grand Master was in attendance.

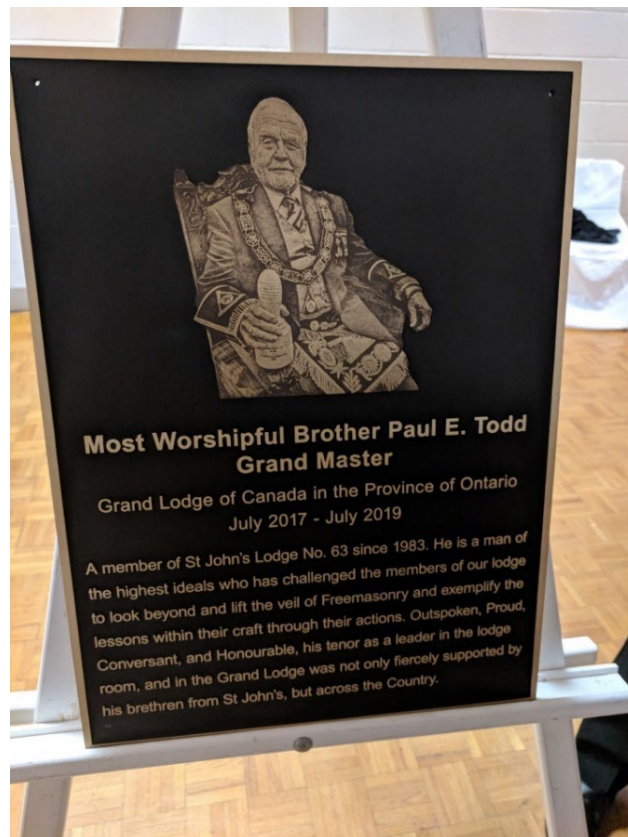
On April 13, 2016 the Lodge voted to make R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, Deputy Grand Master, an Honorary Member.

On June 8, 2016 R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, Deputy Grand Master, was in attendance and was presented with his Honorary Membership.

At the Regular Meeting on October 12, 2016, W. Bro. Steve Elias of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371 of the Prince Hall Masonry was in attendance. The Lodge was called off at 8:30 P.M. for refreshments and W. Bro. Elias gave a presentation on the History of Prince Hall.

At the Regular Meeting on February 8, 2017, R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, Deputy Grand Master was in attendance on his Fraternal Visit to his Home Lodge.

At the Regular Meeting on March 14, 2018, the Lodge approved the purchase of a cast plaque in honour of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd who was in attendance. The plaque was unveiled at the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball on April 10, 2018 and was hung over the Attendance Record Book at the entrance to the Lodge during the summer of 2018.



## Travelling Gavel

To encourage visitation, Ottawa District 1 created the ceremony of the Travelling Gavel. A special Gavel was obtained. Each year the Lodge that is in possession of the gavel at the end of the last year travels to another Lodge and presents it to the Master and Senior Warden. This Lodge is expected to travel to the next Lodge on a prearranged list to present it to that Lodge. The Gavel is presented to each Lodge in Ottawa District 1 every Masonic year. The presenting Lodge is expected to have a minimum of a perfect number of members, i.e., seven, to present the Gavel.

- ❖ On December 14, 2005, Doric Lodge delivered the Traveling Gavel to St John's.
- ❖ St Johns delivered it to Russell Lodge on January 16, 2006.
- ❖ The minutes of March 9, 2016 state that the Travelling Gavel was received from Hazeldean Lodge.
- ❖ The minutes of March 8, 2017 note that the Traveling Gavel was received from Acacia Lodge No. 561, and that it is to go to Mississippi Lodge on Thursday, March 16, 2017.
- ❖ On March 14, 2018 the Traveling Gavel was received from Hazeldean Lodge.

## Six Lodge Visitation

There are several Lodges in Ottawa Districts 1 and 2 that meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month making it impossible for their members to visit these Lodges.

Starting as early as 1963, these Lodges started meeting on a mutually agreed night so their members could visit with each other. They took turns hosting these meetings.

In a letter dated May 16, 1998, St. John's requested permission to host the Six Lodge Visitation in 2000 instead of 1999. The other Lodges must have agreed as St. John's hosted this event at an Emergent Meeting on March 22, 2000. Twenty-three members and forty-nine visitors attended.

St. John's hosted these meetings at Emergent Meetings in 1965, 1968, 1972, 1977, 1986, 1992, 2000, 2006, 2013 and 2018.

In a letter dated April 5, 1995 St. John's advised Iroquois Lodge that they expected to have five members attend the Six Lodge Visitation.

St. John's records indicate that at the Emergent Meeting held on April 24, 2013 to host the Six Lodge Visitation, twelve members and twenty-nine visitors were in attendance.

St. John's No. 63 held an Emergent Meeting on April 18, 2018 to host the Six Lodge Visitation. The minutes of that meeting indicate that there were seven members from Sidney Albert Luke, seven members from Ionic, five members from Friendly Brothers, five members from Lost Villages and twenty members from St. John's.

St John's is next scheduled to host the Six Lodge Visitation in 2024.

## Fraternal Visit

The minutes of December 14, 1994 indicate that the visit to Lake City Lodge No. 127 Oswego, NY was a memorable event and enjoyed by all who attended.

Members of St. John's make special efforts to regularly visit our sponsoring Lodge, St. Francis in Smith Falls, and the two Lodges we sponsored, namely Mississippi Lodge in Almonte and Evergreen Lodge in Lanark.

## Local Activities

Through this twenty-five-year period, St. John's hosted several Open Houses. These included one on December 3, 1994, July 17, 1999 as part of Mississippi River Days, July 14, 2001 also as part of Mississippi River Days. November 3, 2001, February 21, 2004, August 1, 2009, September 2012 as part of Open Doors Carleton Place, June 3, 2017 to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England, and September 16 and 17, 2017 as part of Open Doors Carleton Place.

The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo was held east of Carleton Place in the fall of 2003. The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario had a booth at this event. St. John's Lodge No. 63 did not have a booth at this event; however, R.W. Brother Paul E. Todd and Bro. Ivor Bayley were there for the week helping with the Grand Lodge booth.

Ladies Nights or Private Members Nights were regularly held in March or April of each year up until and including 2016.

The Lodge staffed a booth at several Trade Fairs including April 21, 22 and 23, 1995 - Carleton Place Trade Fair, April 18, 19 and 20, 1997 - Carleton Place Trade Fair, Spring 1999 - Lions Club Trade Fair and April 28, 2000 - Lions Club Home Show.

St. John's organized Golf Tournaments for several years including June 17, 1996, June 19, 2000 at the Westport Golf Club, June 18, 2001 at the Westport Golf Club, and June 3, 2002.

St. John's Lodge participated in the Carleton Place Santa Claus Parade on a number of occasions. The minutes indicate that the years included 1998 and 2009.

The Lodge also set up chairs for residents to sit on during the parade on several occasions.





As early as 2008, St. John's held a Pancake Breakfast as part of Carleton Place's Mississippi River Days on the long weekend in August. This tradition has continued through 2018 except for 2017 when not enough members volunteered to staff this event. The minutes of September 2008 mention that one hundred fifty people were served.

Through this period, St. John's Lodge held an annual Christmas Dinner. Sometimes it was held in the Lodge Banquet Room and at other times another venue was rented. These venues included the Royal Canadian Legion, Zion Memorial United Church and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. The member's children were invited. Everyone always looks forward to this event.

Through this era, St. John's has held an Annual Picnic in late August of each year. However, on at least one occasion it was changed to September due to inclement weather. It is usually held at the park beside the Carleton Place Canoe Club or in the park along Lake Avenue. In 2008 it was held at Bro. Brian Costello's home on the west bank of the Mississippi River.

It is always well attended. The District Deputy Grand Master and his wife are regular attendees. Although he has been very busy over the last few years, M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, Grand Master and his wife Gloria, have managed to attend on a regular basis.



St. John's Lodge Picnic August 20, 2017  
R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley & Bro. Mark Dorland



St. John's Lodge Picnic  
August 28, 2016

## Cornerstone Project

The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario instituted a program called the Cornerstone Project. The original concept was begun by The Grand Lodge of Utah.

The primary purpose is to encourage and recognize Lodges that plan, implement and manage a well-rounded yearly Lodge program that promotes Lodge activities, brotherhood, charitable work, and involvement in the community. The true purpose of this initiative is to challenge Lodges to rise above their current standard, or raise the bar, and set new standards by which they are judged by their members and others.

An email dated January 1, 2013 was received from R.W. Bro. Ron Findlaterer regarding the Cornerstone Project, which listed R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley as Ottawa District 1 "Advisor". No Lodges were listed as participating. In the fall of 2013, St. John's sent a letter to Grand Lodge advising their "Intent to Participate".

The completed "Project Application Form" dated June 24, 2014, was sent to Grand Lodge for the period September 2012 to May 2014. W. Bro. Gord Echlin was the Cornerstone Project Co-ordinator. St. John's No. 63 received a certificate from Grand Lodge stating they earned the designation of Cornerstone Lodge 2014 - 2016. Since then the Lodge has discussed continued participation in this project, but they have not completed the necessary forms--although many of the projects required to get the diploma have been completed.

## Ch.I.P.

In 2008 Masons in Ontario started conducting the Masonic Child Identification Program by holding clinics. The Program had several elements – child information, digital fingerprints, photographs, video and a DNA swab (done orally). The data was then loaded onto a CD and given to parents. In the



event that a parent ever has to report their child missing, police can send out an Amber Alert in under two minutes using the data from the CD.

Under the leadership of W. Bro. Bernard C. Duffen, St. John's Lodge No. 63 organised and hosted ten Ch.I.P. (Child Identification Clinics) between April 2008 and April 2013. During this period, five hundred and sixteen Ch.I.P. kits were prepared and issued to children and parents. Clinics were held in the Lodge Banquet Room, Steve's Your Independent Grocer classroom, TD Canada Trust Carleton Place Branch and The Ocean Wave Fire Station in Carleton Place. Each clinic required the assistance of between twelve and twenty Brethren and on several occasions the Brethren's spouses assisted.



#### Masonic Child Identification Clinic

At TD Canada Trust, Carleton Place, October 29, 2011

R. W. Bro. Sonny Clark- ChIP Reginal Coordinator, Bro. Paul Perkins, W. Bro. Bernie Duffen – Chairman St. John's ChIP Program, Bro. Richard Rothwell, W. Bro. Blaine Mercier, W. Bro. John Earle, Lois Baker, W. Bro. Steve Kipp – Master of St. John's Lodge, V.W. Bro. Harry Baker, Winona Duffen, Bro. Peter Houlton, Susan Maloney – Branch Manager TD Canada Trust, W. Bro. James Birtch, Bro. Keith Munro.

## Friend 2 Friend

A Friend 2 Friend night is an opportunity for non-Masons to attend a presentation put on by the Lodge to give those interested in Freemasonry an overview of the Freemasons. The Program was started at St. John's No. 63 during the year 2010 - 2011 by W. Bro. Shawn Todd when he was Master. It is usually held on a weekday evening in March following guidelines from Grand Lodge.

The first year approximately twenty-five people attended, approximately six were non-Masons. The program has continued each year. Average attendance is twenty to twenty-five people with a high of thirty-five attending in 2014.

This is only an information session. No one is asked to apply to become a Mason. However, we usually receive one or two applications as a result of these presentations each year. W. Bro. Corey Snow took over the Chair of this event in the 2016 - 2017 Masonic year.

## Benevolence

Masonic Lodges throughout the world dispense charity to poor and distressed Brethren and extend it to their widows and orphans. Charity is an essential ingredient of Masonry. It has been said that "the Masonic Way is to give without remembering and to receive without forgetting".

St. John's has always been ready to help a Brother in need and has appointed a Chairman of Relief & Benevolence each year. W. Bro. Steve Kipp has held this position since 2008.

## Coffee Club

A Coffee Club was organized for fellowship for Masons and their friends in January 1999. It is held on Friday mornings during the Masonic year. They do not gather between the May and the September Lodge meetings.

Initially it was called "Gary's Gathering". W. Bro. Gary Murphy was the chairman. At the November 10, 2001 Regular Lodge meeting, W. Bro Gary Murphy reported that Intermason relations under the auspices of the Friday Coffee Club hosted the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Terrance Shand, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby and a number of Grand Lodge Officers who attended the Ottawa Districts Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association Assembly on October 29, 2001 at the Civitan Hall in Almonte. A reception to honour R.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was held at this Assembly.

On Tuesday morning, October 30, 2001, the St. John's Friday Morning Coffee Club put on a special breakfast for the Grand Lodge Officers who had attended the previous night's festivities in Almonte. The Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby pitched in with helping to prepare the breakfast. A number of St. John's members also attended. There were thirty-five to forty in attendance.

W. Bro. Gary Murphy advised the Lodge at their Regular Meeting on May 14, 2008, that he would be retiring as Chairman of the Coffee Club after ten years at the helm. Bro. Keith Munro would be the new Chairman and the name would change from "Gary's Gathering" to "Munro's Clan."

The minutes of January 7, 2012 mentioned that the Coffee Club is now "under new management". Bro. Peter Houlton is now in charge and the club is called "Peter's Pantry". Peter continues to chair this gathering through 2018.

In the beginning only coffee, tea and Timbits were offered. Gradually the menu increased and for the last number of years it offers a variety of items including pancakes, Egg McMuffins, bacon, sausages. The Chairman is usually the cook, and no one knows what goodies he is offering until you arrive.

For several years, the Coffee Club held a Chinese Auction at the Friday morning get together just before Christmas. Gifts were to be under \$10.

It was noted at the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2004, that the Coffee Club has donated more than \$1000. to charity since inception. One charity annually donated to is the Carleton Place Christmas Basket Fund. As the Coffee Club is a part of St. John's Lodge, any charitable donations done through the Coffee Club are credited to St. John's No. 63.

Over the years, the Coffee Club has had as many as twenty to twenty-five Masons and friends in attendance. Through the winter of 2017 - 2018 attendance was usually eight to twelve.



St. John's Coffee Club aka "Peter's Pantry"  
January 12, 2018

From right: Bro. Peter Houlton, Chairman & Chief Cook; W. Bro. Ward Crampton;  
W. Bro. Bernie Duffen;  
V.W. Bro. Harry Baker; Bro. Keith Munro; Alan Rogers; V.W. Bro. Robin Rogers;  
W. Bro. Jim Birtch.

Photo by Bro. Jim Tye



**WELCOME TO  
THE FRIDAY  
MORNING  
DAY CARE  
CENTER  
&  
COFFEE  
CLUB**



St. John's Coffee Club aka "Peter's Pantry"  
February 2018

## An Untimely Death

W. Bro. Rob Gracie passed to the Grand Lodge above on September 25, 2002 shortly after the Regular Lodge meeting. He had been installed as Master at the Regular Meeting in May 2002.

W. Bro. James McIsaac was elected Master for the remainder of the 2002 - 2003 Masonic Year at the Regular Meeting in October and installed at the Regular Meeting in November.

Although W. Bro. McIsaac was installed as Master, other Past Masters took turns sitting in the Chair of King Solemn for the remainder of the year as follows:

- October – W. Bro. J. McIsaac
- November – W. Bro. Steve Rothwell
- December – W. Bro. Phil Pilon
- January – W. Bro. Gary Murphy
- February – W. Bro. Harry Morris
- Emergent Meeting February 22 – W. Bro. Jim Birtch
- March – W. Bro. Harry Baker
- April – W. Bro. J. McIsaac
- May – W. Bro. J. McIsaac

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

As previously mentioned, the Regular January 1993 meeting night was changed to January 20<sup>th</sup>, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary date. Forty-two members & fifty visitors attended this meeting. V.W. Bro. G.A. “Sandy” Docker gave a half-hour dissertation on the history of the Lodge. A light meal was served after the meeting.

V.W. Bro. G.A. “Sandy” Docker prepared a document entitled “The History of St. John’s Lodge No. 63, 1843 - 1993. Lapel pins were designed and produced to commemorate the occasion. A Gala Ball was held on April 10, 1993. Three hundred and fifty-two tickets were sold. A Time Capsule was prepared and placed in the Altar following Installation at the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 1993.



## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

To commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a Gala Ball was held on April 10, 2018. Total attendance was two hundred and nine.

The minutes of the Committee of General Purpose of October 14, 2015 note that discussion had already started to plan for our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A committee was set up. The Lodge minutes of May 11, 2016 note the first report of planning for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball - April 10, 2018

## Time Capsules

At the Regular Meeting on May 12, 1993, a Time Capsule was placed in the Altar. It was recommended in the minutes that it be opened in 25 years, i.e., in our 175<sup>th</sup> year. This was done at the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2018.

The contents were given to Master W. Bro. Matt Weedmark, who scanned them. The scanned copies will be placed in a binder for display and the originals will be returned to the Altar.

Contents for a second Time Capsule were collected by R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley and Bro. Jim Tye. This second Time Capsule was placed in the Altar by W. Bro. Mark Weedmark and R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1 at the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2018. The container is a wooden box which was donated by Bro. Wayne Bennett.





Placing of Time Capsule  
Regular Meeting October 10, 2018  
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark - W.M. and R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson - DDGM

## Restoration of Charters

On the wall in our Lodge Room hang our original Charter dated December 29, 1842 and our current Charter dated May 8, 1872. They were deteriorating as they were presently being displayed and it was suggested that they should be restored.

A Notice of Motion was made at the December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting to have the 1842 and 1872 Charters cleaned and restored.

A quote was obtained from Ubbink Book and Paper Conservation. The work was approved at the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2018 to be done between our May and September meetings. Ms. Kyla Ubbink picked up the Charters on May 17 and returned them August 30, 2018.

In their quote, they warned that “once returned to a non climate-controlled area, it is highly likely the cockling and undulations will re-appear.” It was noted in October 2018 that this was happening. Kyla was contacted and she recommended that they be hung on an inside wall and that an attempt to reduce the humidity in the room should be undertaken.

## Charitable Donations

On January 19, 1992, St. John's Lodge sent a letter to Mr. and Mrs. M.P. Morris thanking them for the gift of our new Altar Cloth and Cushion.

In a letter dated March 22, 2000, Daniel F. Lambert, the son of Clarence Albert Edwards, advised that Mr. Edwards had passed away in early 1999 and that he had instructed Daniel, as Executor of his estate, to distribute to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario the amount of \$10,000.00. As directed by Mr. Edwards and in agreement with Daniel Lambert, the Lodge forwarded the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Help-2-Hear Project on March 27, 2000. Mr. C.A. Edwards was the son of a former member of St. John's Lodge.

As mentioned previously, it was noted at the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2004, that the Coffee Club has donated more than \$1000 to charity since inception. One charity annually donated to by the Coffee Club is the Carleton Place Christmas Basket Fund. As the Coffee Club is a part of St. John's Lodge, any charitable donations done through the Coffee Club are credited to St. John's No. 63.

For a few years before 1990, St. John's Lodge donated \$150 to Carleton Place High School for a scholarship or bursary. In 1994/1995 the amount was increased to \$250.

R.W. Bro. Arnold Illingsworth passed to the Grand Lodge above on May 11, 1997. In his Last Will and Testament, he bequeathed \$5000 to the Lodge. Shortly after this, St. John's Lodge increased the amount of the scholarship or bursary to Carleton Place High School to \$500 and re-named it the Arnold Illingsworth Memorial Bursary. This continued through 2018.

The Lodge minutes of January 14, 2015 indicate that the Lodge purchased a Brass Leaf for \$500 to be placed on the "River of Life" at the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital. The River of Life donor recognition mural was established by the Carleton Place District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in 2001 to raise funds for the hospital.

At the December 14, 2016 meeting, a motion was carried to give \$600 to support a bowling tournament for challenged adults.

St. John's Lodge also annually purchases a wreath and lays it on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cenotaph in Carleton Place.

Records indicate that the Lodge supported the VIP Program at Beckwith Public School during the 1990's. "VIP" was a preventive program to help students understand and cope with problems caused by peer pressure. The main aim of the program was to help students make intelligent decisions, realizing that for every action there is a consequence.



## Blood Donations

St. John's Lodge members became very active as blood donors starting in the mid 1990's. This could possibly be attributed to its promotion by Bro. Jim McIsaac who was the owner/operator of Carleton Place/Richmond Ambulance Service and who became Master in 1999 - 2000.

St. Johns sponsored several Blood Donor Clinics in cooperation with Canadian Blood Services at Carleton Place High School, with Ottawa District 1 at the Masonic Center on Walkley Road and at Bayshore Shopping Center.

The minutes of May 8, 1996 indicate that members had made eighty-one donations during that Masonic year and were the recipients of the Blood Donor Trophy from the District Blood Donor Committee.

The Minutes of May 14, 1997 indicate that congratulations had been received from R.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, Chairman of the Blood Donors Committee for having the most blood donations. There were fifty-six donations as of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Lodge minutes indicate that in 1998 there were thirty-eight donations and St. John's Lodge came in second in the district, eighteen in 1999, sixty in 2000, twenty-five in 2001, one hundred and thirty-seven in 2003, fifteen in 2007 and ten in 2010. Since then there appears to be less than ten per year.

## General Building and Equipment

The minutes of March 8, 1995 indicate that the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation advised that they had started a campaign to raise funds to purchase a Stair Lift to be installed in the front stairs.

The minutes of March 13, 1996 indicate that the Lodge voted to give \$1500 to the Chair Lift Fund.

At the Regular meeting on February 12, 1997, the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation advised that a Stair Chair had been installed in the front stairs.

At the Regular meeting on February 12, 1997 the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation also advised that the benches in the Lodge Room would be recovered, one at a time.

The Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation reported on March 12, 1997 at the Regular Meeting that the Minute Book/Coat Rack being built by W. Bro. Melling had been completed and was now in use.

At the Regular Meeting on October 11, 2006, W. Bro. Eric Morgan reported that the new Mosaic carpet had been installed in the Lodge Room. It replaced the original Mosaic Carpet, which cost \$250. and had been donated by the Master of Sidney Albert Luke Lodge in 1915. The replace-

ment cost was \$8,824.72. A fundraising committee had been set up, chaired by W. Bro. Eric Morgan. More than enough funds were raised to cover the replacement costs.

In the minutes of November 14, 2007, it was noted that specially designed floor tiles had been installed in the Lodge Room carpet. Three tiles were installed in front of the Master's chair, one for each of the Concordant Bodies that meet in the Lodge room, i.e., St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 63; Maple-Granite Chapter, Royal Arch Masons No. 61; and Order of the Eastern Star, Golden Jubilee Chapter No. 316. These were purchased with funds remaining after the purchase of the new Mosaic carpet.

During the summer of 2008, the original plaster lath walls and ceiling in the Lodge Room were covered with drywall and painted. New chandeliers were also installed.

In 2011 the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation purchased a Heart Defibrillator for the building.

The minutes of May 14, 2014 mention that "a New Stair Chair has been installed". The old stair chair had broken down and the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation was unable to obtain the necessary parts to repair it.

During the summer of 2016, the walls and ceiling of the storage room used by the Lodge and Royal Arch were covered with drywall and painted.

On September 13, 2017, the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation reported that Golden Jubilee Chapter No. 316, Order of the Eastern Star had gone into darkness. Their equipment had been removed from the storage room in the building. The walls and ceiling of that room had been covered with drywall and painted. Metal shelving was obtained and erected in this room. The Lodge files were gathered, sorted and placed on these shelves and in a combination locking fireproof four-drawer filing cabinet.

At the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2018, the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation advised that they will drywall and paint the remaining unfinished rooms on the second floor.

## Community Entrance Signs

A letter dated September 18, 1992 was received from Dave Sullivan of the Town of Carleton Place regarding Service Club Signs at the entrance to town.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 13, 1993 indicate that Guidelines were received from Grand Lodge regarding Masonic Signs to be placed at entrances to communities. Four signs were ordered, and the Town of Carleton Place was paid to cover the cost to install the signs and upkeep of the sign board. Three signs were to be installed, the fourth was a spare.

## **Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers**

In 1993, the Lodge recommended Bro. Howard Willard McNeely for the William Mercer Wilson Award. A letter dated July 28, 1993 was received from Grand Lodge advising the Application for William Mercer Wilson Award for Howard McNeely was not approved.

Over the last twenty-five years the following members of St. John's Lodge No. 63 have been elected or appointed as Grand Lodge Officers:

- 1997: V.W. Bro. Dieter R. Jeshor was appointed a Grand Steward.
- 1999 – 2000: R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd was elected District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District # 1. He then served on many Grand Lodge Committees until being elected Deputy Grand Master for the term 2015 - 2017 and Grand Master 2017 - 2019. M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd was made an Honorary Member of St. John's Lodge No. 63 and was presented with his Honorary Membership at the June 8, 2016 Lodge meeting.
- 1999 – 2000: W. Bro. Roy T. Coker was District Secretary, Ottawa District 1.
- 2000: V.W. Bro. Roy T. Coker was appointed a Grand Steward.
- 2004: V.W. Bro. Harry Baker was appointed a Grand Steward.
- 2009: R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley was elected District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1.
- 2009 – 2010: W. Bro. Robin Rogers was District Secretary, Ottawa District 1.
- 2010: V.W. Bro. Robin Rogers was appointed a Grand Steward.
- 2017: R.W. Bro. Brian Adams was elected District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1.
- 2017: V.W. Bro. Phil Pilon was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works.
- 2017: V.W. Bro. Gord Echlin was appointed a Grand Standard Bearer.
- 2018: V.W. Bro. Steve Kipp was appointed Grand Standard Bearer.
- 2018: V.W. Bro. Shawn Todd was appointed Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies.
- 2018: Bro. Jim Tye was awarded the William Mercer Wilson Award.

## Membership of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 63 1993 to 2018

Roll #	Name	Age	Occupation	Initiated/Affiliated (A) Reinstated (R)
1001	Jessop, Brian George	41	Consultant	20 Jan 1993 (A)
1002	McIsaac, James R.	38	Ambulance Service Operator	13 Sep 1993
1003	Johns, Earl A.	37	Chief of Police	10 Nov 1993
1004	Buchanan, Paul	34	Social Worker	22 Jan 1994
1005	Kirkpatrick, Glen Alan	25	University Student	14 Sep 1994
1006	Drummond, Robert Bruce	42	Salesman	21 Sep 1994
1007	Purdy, William Harrison	59	Retired	09 Nov 1994 (A)
1008	Linde, John	35	Mason	16 Nov 1994
1009	Pilon, Philip	43	Program & Procedure Officer	16 Nov 1994
1010	Wilson, Robert	25	Ambulance Driver	11 Oct 1995
1011	Fisher, Adam John	24	Student	18 Oct 1995
1012	Stanley, Donald Milton	61	Retired	08 Nov 1995
1013	Gallipeau, Brian Desmond	51	Self Employed	15 Nov 1995
1014	Morgan, Eric	62	Machinist	13 Dec 1995
1015	Leith, Edward	49	Printer	13 Dec 1995 (A)
1016	Young, Harold Stanley	80	Army Officer (Retired)	13 Dec 1995 (A)
1017	Gracie, Robertson Munro	40	Administrator B.C. Government	17 Jan 1996
1018	Daly, Henry Jay	39	Stock Broker	11 Sep 1996
1019	Melling, Glenn William	52	Commissioner, Wood Worker	11 Sep 1996 (A)
1020	Todd, Shawn Adam	25	Student	09 Oct 1996
1021	Gourlay, James	76	Retired	16 Oct 1996
1022	Addyman, Dean Scott	41	Funeral Director	20 Nov 1996
1023	Bayley, Ivor	48	Machinist	20 Nov 1996
1024	Scheepers, Gregory Hubert	23	Student	12 Nov 1997
1025	Kirkpatrick, David George	57	Retired	14 Jan 1998
1026	Hooghiem, Gerald	47	Insurance Administrator	11 Feb 1998
1027	Malone, Hardcourt W.	65	Retired Teacher	13 May 1998 (A)
1028	Friesen, William Dale Lloyd	45	Real Estate Salesman	09 Sep 1998
1029	Casselmann, Alfred Clayton	32	Military	20 Feb 1999
1030	Michael, Hault	34	Systems Engineer	20 Feb 1999
1031	Julian, Stanley Ray	66	Retired	13 Jan 1999 (A)
1032	MacDonald, Harold Albert	54	Self-Employed	08 Sep 1999
1033	Tye, James Gordon Brown	52	Real Estate Salesman	08 Sep 1999
1034	Bennett, Wayne Allan	42	Funeral Director-Assistant	15 Sep 1999
1035	Rotar, Brian	49	Elec Mechanic	15 Sep 1999

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1036	Taylor, Patrick Edward	52	Elec Technician	23 Oct 1999
1037	Ackland, Alexander Reginald	62	Retired	23 Oct 1999
1038	Cassibo, James Edward	53	Retired	08 Dec 1999 (A)
1039	Mitchell, John Guy	46	Retired	15 Dec 1999
1040	Bell, Carl David	71	Retired	09 Feb 2000 (A)
1041	Taggart, David Roy	60	Retired	09 Feb 2000 (A)
1042	Duffen, Bernard Charles	58	College Professor	20 Sep 2000
1043	Morris, John Keith	38	Marketing & Sales	11 Oct 2000 (A)
1044	Milsom, Peter	33	Project Manager-Software Development	08 Nov 2000
1045	Mumby, Donald Herbert	61	RCMP -Retired	10 Jan 2001(A)(H)
1046	Terhune, Harry Fredrick	73	Retired Farmer	13 Feb 2002 (A)
1047	Blake, Robert William	55	Informatics Consultant	13 Mar 2002
1048	Brunton, Robert William	59	Teacher Retired	10 Apr 2002
1049	Hollinsworth, Roy Orville	61	Newspaper Advertising Retired	09 Oct 2002 (A)
1050	Murphy, Sean	29	Chiropractor	08 Jan 2003
1051	Wilson, Jeffery David	33	Real Estate Salesman	12 Feb 2003
1052	Moulton, William John	60	Coast Guard	10 Sep 2003 (A)
1053	Inch, James Robert	57	Professional Engineer	11 Feb 2004 (A)
1054	Salois, Pierre Robert	52	Upholsterer	18 Sep 2004
1055	Turner, Scott	50	Civil Servant	27 Oct 2004
1056	Munro, Russell Keith	67	Civil Servant	14 Dec 2005
1057	Echlin, Gordon	47	President & CEO	08 Nov 2006
1058	Hastie, Donovan Lee	33	HVAC Technician	08 Nov 2006
1059	Casey, Andrew Thomas	32	Student	13 Dec 2006
1060	Valley, Robert Andrew	32	Budget Agency Operator	14 Mar 2007
1061	Lawson, Stephen Andrew	38	Police Officer	11 Apr 2007
1062	Tereschuk, Mark	33	Police Officer	14 Nov 2007
1063	Kenwood, Peter Ronald	77	Retired	12 Dec 2007 (A)
1064	Tereschuk, Joseph	30	Police Officer	09 Apr 2008
1065	Nethery, Jeff	41	Manager-Rally Honda	10 Dec 2008
1066	Clow, Robert Andrew	37	Software Analyst	11 Nov 2009
1067	MacGregor, Michael Ross	49	Program Manager	11 Nov 2009 (A)
1068	Pollock, William	67	Retired	09 Sep 2009 (A)
1069	Gillespie, Gordon Alexander	62	Retired	09 Sep 2009 (A)
1070	Houlton, Peter	63	Retired	13 Jan 2010
1071	Morrow, Chris	41	RF Designer	13 Jan 2010
1072	Kinnaird, Bradley Keith	39	Facility Manager	10 Mar 2010 (A)
1073	Snow, Corey	28	Senior QA Analyst	13 Oct 2010 (A)
1074	Gratton, Marcel	44	Account Exec	10 Nov 2010
1075	Hudder, Jeff	24	Greens Keeper	10 Nov 2010

Roll #	Name	Age	Occupation	Initiated/Affiliated (A) Reinstated (R)
1076	Armstrong, Brandon	27	Merchandizer	15 Dec 2011
1077	Helmer, Chris	39	Shipping/Receiving	15 Dec 2011
1078	Hurst, Robert	40	Electronic Spec.	14 Mar 2012
1079	Neirinck, Chris	30	Fire Fighter	17 Oct 2012
1080	Cochrane, Lance	27	Social Worker	17 Oct 2012
1081	Coulson, Jason	37	Military	21 Nov 2012
1082	Swrjeski, Jeff	39	Police Officer	21 Nov 2012
1083	Hart, Perry	51	Branch manager	20 Feb 2013
1084	Weedmark, Matt	34	IT Specialist	10 Apr 2013 (A)
1085	Bowers, Craig	50	Anglican Priest	09 Oct 2013
1086	Dorland, Mark	48	Military-DND	16 Oct 2013
1087	Reynolds, Michael	32	Plumber	12 Mar 2014
1088	Thomson, Daniel	47	Retired	15 Sep 2014
1089	Forsyth, Greg	48	Military	14 Jan 2015
1090	MacGregor, Josh	35	Carpenter	11 Feb 2015
1091	Adams, Brian	65	Financial Advisor	11 Oct 2015 (A)
1092	Smith, Jason	43	Fire Fighter	14 Oct 2015
1093	Stradwick, Jim	47	Contractor	13 Jan 2016
1094	More, Steve	62	Retired	08 Jun 2016 (R)
1095	Brock, Heilman	44	Military	11 May 2016 (A)
1096	Andrews, Kyle	25	Tree Framer	14 Dec 2016
1097	Not Assigned			
1098	Schmidt, Peter	47	Electrician	08 Nov 2017
1099	Davis, Mark	35	IT Specialist	13 Dec 2017 (A)
1100	Thompson, Wesley	33	Project Co-ordinator	14 Mar 2018

## Masters of St. John's Lodge No. 63 - 1993 to 2018

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>
1993 - 1994	Paul E. Todd
1994 - 1995	Arthur Nash
1995 - 1996	Steve Rothwell
1996 - 1997	Miles Kirkendall
1997 - 1998	James Birtch
1998 - 1999	Ron Hodgins
1999 - 2000	Jim McIsaac
2000 - 2001	Phil Pilon
2001 - 2002	Eric Morgan
2002 - 2003	Rob Gracie
<i>W. Bro. Rob Gracie died September 25, 2002. W. Bro Jim McIsaac was elected to fill the Chair of King Solomon for the remainder of the year 2002 - 2003; however, Past Masters took turns sitting in the East at each meeting.</i>	
2003 - 2004	Blane Mercier
2004 - 2005	Ivor Bayley
2005 - 2006	Michael Hoult
2006 - 2007	Phil Pilon
2007 - 2008	Bernie Duffen
2008 - 2009	Phil Pilon
2009 - 2010	Harry Baker
2010 - 2011	Shawn Todd
2011 - 2012	Steve Kipp
2012 - 2013	Gord Echlin
2013 - 2014	Corey Snow
2014 - 2015	Donovan Hastie
2015 - 2016	Andrew Valley
2016 - 2017	Joseph Tereschuk
2017 - 2018	Rob Clow

## **Biographies of the Masters of St. John's Lodge No. 63 1993 to 2018**

### **1993 – 1994 Paul E. Todd**

Initiated April 13, 1983. M.W. Bro. Paul and his wife Gloria live in Carleton Place. He is the proud father of son, Shawn (a Past Master of this Lodge) and two daughters, Shannon and Alanna, along with being grandfather to five.

He is a retired firefighter after 30 years. Paul is a recipient of the Governor General's Award--Federal Fire Service Medal for Exemplary Service. He has also worked with the Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary Unit and for the Ontario Ambulance in Carleton Place.

Our Brother has celebrated thirty-two years of service to Masonry in St. John's Lodge No. 63. He is also a member of Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 742 where he served as W. Master in 2009 - 2010. He is a Past President of both the Ottawa Senior Wardens and Masters Groups. Paul was elected as DDGM of Ottawa District 1 in 1999 - 2000 and has served in various capacities in his District.

During his 12 years as a member of the Board of General Purposes, he has served as Chairman of Long Range Planning and the Condition of Masonry Committees, been a member of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Masonic Education and Management Committees. In addition, he has also been a Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and the MasoniChip Foundation and a member of the Lodge of Instruction.

Paul was elected Deputy Grand Master at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in July of 2015 and Grand Master in 2017. Paul is a member of Tunis Temple Shriners, Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection and was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General 33 Degrees.

He is an active member of St. James Anglican Church serving as Warden and a member of the Choir. And finally, just to round things out, he is an avid race car enthusiast.

### **1994 - 1995 Arthur Nash**

Initiated January 14, 1987. A life member of St. Johns Lodge. W. Bro. Arthur Nash was a professional Personnel Consultant. He was a founding member of Luxor Daylight Lodge.

### **1995 - 1996 Steve Rothwell**

Initiated February 8, 1989. W. Bro. Steve Rothwell attended Carleton Place High School. He was a mechanic at Tim's Garage in Carleton Place and now is an O.P.P. Officer in the Lanark County Detachment.

### **1996 - 1997 Miles Kirkendal**

Initiated March 14, 1990. A bricklayer by trade. Moved to Glace Bay, Nova Scotia after serving as W. Master. Miles is still in good standing as a member of St. John's Lodge.

### **1997 - 1998 James Birtch**

Initiated December 14, 1988. Jim says his goal was never to be the Master of St. John's Lodge, but just to be a good Mason who could contribute whenever possible. He felt that he owed it to the Lodge to fill the vacant chair of Junior Stewart, and that is when his journey began.

His wife Peggy supported him and helped at many functions but insisted that she would never speak in public. When he became Master of the Lodge, they attended fifteen Ladies Nights and several other events.



She became comfortable with the many travelling companions during the year and when it was St. John's Ladies Night, she stood and spoke to the large crowd in attendance. Peggy had grown, and Jim says so did he--a year they will never forget...

### **1998 - 1999 Ron Hodgins**

Initiated March 11, 1992, advanced to the Second Degree in October and Raised to the Third Degree in November, all in 1992. He progressed through the Chairs and was Master for the year 1998 -99. Ron is an electrician and has done many projects in the Ottawa area, i.e., War Museum, Corel Centre, Royal Ottawa Hospital, Montfort Hospital, Nortel Labs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Palladium Drive Lab.

He has also done solar farms, prisons in Fort Saskatchewan, and Boden, Alberta, as well as working in Windsor at the Chrysler plant. Ron is currently (December 2018) working in Smiths Falls doing buildings for Tweed Canopy Growth and Spectrum Cannabis.

Ron is an avid hunter, who has hunted in both Canada and the USA for multiple different species.

### **1999 - 2000 Jim McIsaac**

Initiated September 13, 1993, Passed October 13, 1993 and Raised January 12, 1994. He was self-employed as the Owner/Operator of Carleton Place/Richmond Ambulance Service.

He was very active in all concordant bodies, OES Golden Jubilee, Maple-Granite R.A.M. Chapter, Scottish Rite and Tunis Shriners. He additionally assumed the Master's Chair in 2002 - 2003 after the untimely death of W. Bro Rob Gracie.

### **2000 - 2001 Phil Pilon**

Initiated November 1994, Passed January 1995, Raised March 1995 in St. John's Lodge No. 63. Graduate of the College of Freemasonry 1998, Master of St. John's Lodge No. 63 in 2000 - 2001, 2006 - 2007 and 2008 - 2009, Lodge Treasurer from 2010 - 2011 to 2017 - 2018.

Served several years as Secretary of the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation. Appointed V.W. Bro. Grand Superintendent of the Works 2017. Most Wise Sovereign, Murray Chapter of the Rose Croix, AASR, 2012 - 2013 and 2013 - 2014. Joined Tunis Shrine in 1998 and later became an active member of the Keystone Kops Unit and the Land O' Lakes Shrine Club.

### **2001 - 2002 Eric Morgan**

Initiated December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1995 while working as a machinist for Atomic Energy Canada. Passed February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1996. Raised April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1996. Installed as Worshipful Master May 2001 - 2002. Chaplin for three years.

### **2002 - 2003 Rob Gracie**

Initiated January 17, 1996. Employed as a government administrator. W Bro. Gracie was the only blind Master in Ottawa District 1. He passed away on September 25, 2002, shortly after being installed in the Chair of King Solomon. The Chair of King Solomon was filled by Past Masters for the remaining 2002 - 2003 Masonic year.

Rob had a keen interest in history and Freemasonry. He worked very hard to achieve the Degrees while working with the challenge of being blind.

### **2003 - 2004 Bev (Blane) Mercier**

Initiated November 11, 1981. W. Bro. Blane Mercier was a Nepean Police Officer until his retirement. He is a member of Tunis Shriners and was one of the founding members of St. John's Coffee Club.

### **2004 - 2005 Ivor Bayley**

Initiated November 20, 1996 at St. John's Lodge No. 63. R.W Bro. Ivor Bayley was born in London England and came to Canada in 1957. He graduated from the Eastern Institute of Technology. In 1966 he started working for Atomic Energy of Canada as an Apprentice Machinist. He worked there until he retired in 2002.

He worked his way through the Chairs until he was elected W. Master in 2004. Some of the Masonic positions that he has held included President of the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens Association. That year he introduced and arranged the first bus to Grand Lodge. He also sat as Chairman of the Valentine Charity Ball.

His next venture was to arrange the rooms, food and other items for the Grand Master's Reception in Ottawa for several years. He was District Chairman for the Friend 2 Friend and the Brother to Brother Programs. He was also a member of the Lodge Resources Team as an assistant on the DDGM Orientation Course. In 2009 he was elected to be District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District 1 for the year 2009 - 2010. Ivor has been an active member with the Masters of 2000 holding a very successful Table Lodge for many years.

His next adventure was to join Tunis Shriners where he joined 'The Hillbillies'. He was also a member of two other Lodges and became Master of Luxor Daylight Lodge. Today he is very happy working with his mother Lodge as Secretary.

### **2005 - 2006 Michael Hoult**

Initiated February 20, 1999. Employed as a Systems Engineer. Born in Kettering England. Michael was schooled in Hong Kong and Switzerland and received his degree from the University of Toronto.

His hobby was furniture making and woodworking. He passed away April 16, 2011.

### **2006 - 2007 Phil Pilon**

2006 - 2007 was Phil's second time in the Chair of King Solomon in St. John's No. 63

### **2007 - 2008 Bernie Duffen**

Initiated September 20, 2000. Bernie is a retired college Professor who taught a variety of subjects related to the mechanical and electronic engineering profession at Algonquin College in Ottawa.

He is a member of the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association of Ottawa, Eastern Star, Tunis Shrine, Land O' Lakes Shrine Club and the Keystone Kops.

While in the East, he pioneered St. John's first Child Identification Program Clinic (Ch.I.P.), which he continued for six plus years. During this time, with the help of several Brethren, St. John's issued over five hundred Ch.I.P. kits for children.

He officiated at the dedication of the new Masonic carpet in 2008. His Masters group is "The Cornerstones". As a member of Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation, he negotiated and oversaw the installation and training of users of the stair chair and negotiated the leases for the commercial rental properties in the building.

**2008 - 2009 Phil Pilon**

2008 - 2009 was Phil's third time in the Chair of King Solomon in St. John's No. 63.

**2009 - 2010 Harry Baker**

Initiated March 10, 1982. V.W. Brother Harry Baker was installed to serve a second term as the Worshipful Master for the 2009 - 2010 Masonic year. His first term as Master of St. John's No. 63 was for the Masonic year 1990 - 1991. He received his appointment as a Grand Steward on July 23, 2004.

**2010 - 2011 Shawn Todd**

Initiated October 9, 1996 at St. John's Lodge No. 63. Shawn's father, the current Grandmaster of The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd; his stepfather, R.W. Bro. Brian P. Adams was DDGM Ottawa District 1 in 2017 - 2018; his grandfather, and great grandfather have all been Masons.

Shawn is Past President of his Senior Wardens and Masters Group, is a past Master of St John's Lodge No. 63 in Carleton Place, a previous member of Doric Lodge in Kirkland Lake, and former member and organizer of the O.P.P. Northeast Region Degree Team. Shawn started the Food Bank Committee at St John's Lodge in 2011 and is currently part of the Grand Master's Charity Committee--Autism research.

Shawn is a long-time advocate of the Grand Lodge Friend 2 Friend Program and has been promoting the program since 2011 when it started at St John's.

A past Ottawa District 1 Chairman, he is a current member of the Grand Lodge Committee for Friend 2 Friend, Brother to Brother, and Mentor Programs. Most recently he was appointed as Very Worshipful Brother - sitting as the 2018 - 2019 Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies for Grand Lodge.

**2011 - 2012 Steve Kipp**

Initiated March 11, 1987. He was raised to the Third Degree in the fall of 1987. Steve progressed through the Chairs and became Master for the year 2011 - 2012. He was appointed an Auditor in 2005 and appointed Chairman of Relief & Benevolence in 2008. He continues to fulfill these duties. Steve was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in 2018.

Steve has been a member of the Carleton Place Masonic Temple Corporation for many years. He has been the Vice-President, Assistant Building Manager, and is currently Building Manager.

Steve served in the Army Reserves, including overseas. Most of his career was spent working for Bell Canada from which he has been retired for fifteen years.

He is happily married to his wife Sheila for forty-six years and has two children and four grandchildren.

V.W. Bro. Kipp has volunteered in the past throughout the community with the Carleton Place Christmas Basket Program for twenty years, Vice President of the Community Association for ten years, and Carleton Place United Cemetery Board for four years.

**2012 - 2013 Gord Echlin**

Initiated November 8, 2006. Appointed Grand Standard Bearer in 2017. Gord is very active in the York Rite bodies. In 2013 he became First Principal of Maple-Granite Chapter 61, and in 2015 he

was appointed Grand “Master of the 1st Veil”. Gord is Chaplain of Adoniram Council #2 Order of the Canada.

**2013 - 2014 Corey Snow**

Initiated November 17, 2005 into Humber Lodge No. 305 in Toronto. He affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 63 on November 10, 2010.

Since he graduated college, he has been working in the IT/Software industry in various roles, currently as a QA Analyst. Corey and his young wife Andrea share a home together out in Lanark which they built together. Corey is also an active member in the Royal Arch.

**2014 - 2015 Donovan Hastie**

Initiated November 8, 2006. 2016 - 2017 Director of Ceremonies. Currently employed with Enercare Home Services as an HVAC Technician (2000 to present). He joined Maple Granite R.A.M. Chapter Carleton Place in 2008.

**2015 - 2016 Andrew Valley**

Initiated March 14, 2007. During his time as a member of St John’s, Andrew has been employed at vehicle rental agencies.

**2016 - 2017 Joseph Tereschuk**

Initiated April 9, 2008, being initiated, passed and raised all at St. John’s Lodge in Carleton Place. He also serves his home community as an O.P.P. Constable. In addition to St Johns Lodge, W. Bro. Tereschuk is a member of Maple Granite Chapter and has served as First Principle.

**2017 - 2018 Rob Clow**

Initiated November 11, 2009 at St. John's Lodge. He received his Bachelor of Commerce, Honours Accounting degree as a graduate of the University of Ottawa. He has worked in the high-tech industry for more than twenty years and has held positions in Finance/Accounting, Facilities and Software Development. Rob and his wife Connie are the proud parents of three sons and a daughter.

**St John's Lodge No. 63 Membership Summary**  
**December 1992 – June 2018**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Initiated</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Affiliated</b>	<b>Restored</b>	<b>Resigned</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Total</b>
Dec 1992									171
1993	2	1		1		1		3	170
1994	5	4	3	1		1	5		170
1995	5	3	2	2		3	2	3	169
1996	6	6	4	1		1	2		173
1997	1	2	5			2	7		165
1998	3	4	3	1		2	6	7	154
1999	9	6	2	2	1		6	3	157
2000	2	1	4	3	1	1	6	1	155
2001				1	1	3	5	5	144
2002	2			2		2	14	1	131
2003	2	1				2	6	1	124
2004	2			1		5	1	2	119
2005	1					8	2		110
2006	3						5	3	105
2007	3	5	3	2	1	3	1	4	103
2008	2	2	2		1	3	4	1	98
2009	1		2	3		3	3	1	95
2010	4	4	2	2		1	3		97
2011	1					1	3		94
2012	6					2	1	1	96
2013	3	4	2	1			1		99
2014	4					2	2	3	96
2015	3			1			1		99
2016	1			2	1	5	2		96
2017	1					1	3	6	87
June 2018	1		1			1	2	3	82

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