

Out of the Blue Newsletter



London East District

Fall, 2009

The D.D.G.M. for London East District for 2009-2010

Ross was born June 10th, 1941 in the Hamlet of Houghton Centre. He received his primary education at S.S. No. 2 Public School and furthered his education at Tillsonburg District High School. He was raised on a tobacco farm and left home in 1958, having accepted a position with Canadian Westinghouse in London, where he worked for seven years. His desire for further education led him to enrol in a correspondence course resulting in a Graduation Diploma in Data Processing. This led to employment with Ford Motor Company in Talbotville in 1967. He was employed in the Controller's office writing computer programs and operating various types of computers. After 30.4 years of service he retired, effective January 1st, 1998.

Married to Noreen (nee - Whiteside) they have one daughter, Kim born in 1965, and twin sons, Kevin and Bill, born in 1970. Kim was active in Job's Daughters and was progressing through the chairs prior to the family moving from London to Mapleton in 1978. Bill has joined Centennial Lodge No. 684.

His sons became interested in playing hockey in Belmont. This interest eventually led Ross to take an active part in Belmont Minor Hockey. Through this organization, he attended Coaches clinics and First Aid courses. He became part of the Executive Committee and managed the Pee Wee Travelling Team for six years. As an executive, he was in charge of fund raising, which included monthly bingos and various other projects.

His Masonic career began in 1967 when he was initiated into Centennial Lodge No. 684, becoming Worshipful Master in 1982 and was secretary for ten years (1992-2001). He became a member of the London Lodge of Perfection in 1968 and was Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 1992. He joined the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix in 1970, Moore Sovereign Consistory in 1971 and Mocha Temple in 1974. He was coronated Honorary Inspector General 33° at the Supreme Council Session held in London in September of 2001. In the Shrine, he is active in the Alumni Unit and a member of the Aylmer Shrine Club. He is also a member of the Consistory Club and co-director of the 12th Degree team. He also takes part in the 5th, 7th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 29th Degrees. He has been the Installing Officer for the London Lodge of Perfection in the closed ceremony and was the first Installing Officer of the open installation in the London Valley. He has worked in the wardrobing section of the Production/Property Committee since about 1970. He was made an honorary member of St. Thomas Lodge No. 44 in 1990 and has held the office of treasurer and helped initiate their Annual Steak BBQ and hosted it for ten years. He also hosts the Centennial Lodge Annual Family Picnic, the Alumni Summer BBQ and the 33° summer



R.W. Bro. J. Ross McIntyre

picnic. As secretary for Centennial Lodge he converted the outdated data base he inherited to a more, then current, version of DBase, writing the programs required as he saw fit. He was asked to assist the secretary of St. Thomas Lodge No. 44 in setting up and supporting their computer system and has since assisted the secretary of St. Marks No. 94 in Port Stanley in the same manner. He has held the position of president and treasurer in the 82 Masters Group and still supports it whenever possible. He has held the position of president, vice-president and is currently treasurer of a Condominium Corporation in London. He is the assistant director of the Mocha Alumni unit and secretary treasurer of the Centennial Lodge Century Club. He is the senior and an equal partner with his wife and one son in a small business venture. He is co-chair of the fund raising committee for the London Learning Centre for children with dyslexia. Although not able to physically curl any longer he is on the organization team for the Knights of Columbus and Hi-Ro Curling bonspiel and is

MC for the event.

In his leisure time, Ross enjoys his pool in the summer as well as the odd jobs around his small farm. Time is always taken to enjoy the fun and laughter of seven grandchildren ranging in age from nineteen years to nine years.

Your children are an investment in the future and the grandchildren are the returns on that investment.

Over 200 Years as Past Masters



The June BBQ and regular meeting of Middlesex lodge 379 was held at the Mt. Moria lodge building located in Fanshawe Pioneer Village. In attendance were 4 brethren who have been past masters for 50 years and longer.

Left to right: R.W. Bro. Andy Willsie, Belmont 190; W. Bro. Lloyd Easton, Middlesex 379; R.W. Bro. Norm Lansdell, Nilestown 345 and R.W. Bro. Bill Frank, Doric 289.

Kilwinning Sunrise Breakfast

On Sunday, June 7th, Kilwinning Lodge #64 welcomed over 150 guests to their 50th annual Sunrise Service and Breakfast. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Brian Maxwell was honoured to introduce guest speaker, the Deputy grand Master, R.W. Bro. Raymond Daniels to the crowd. R.W. Bro. Robert Parker DDGM of the London East District and R.W. Bro. Ron Brewe DDGM of the London West District were also in attendance.



The Kilwinning volunteers arrived early to prepare pancakes, eggs, ham, toast, coffee and juice for their guests. The breakfast was held at the refurbished former Wonderland Gardens, which proved a terrific venue. Keeping with tradition, the Royal Scots of Mocha Pipe and Drum Band entertained young and old. It was wonderful to have such a great turn-out to help celebrate the 50th year of Kilwinning Sunrise Service and Breakfast.



Eggs sunny side up.

The Grand Master's Project – 2009 - 2011

To advance the study and understanding of Freemasonry and to encourage research into the significant impact fraternalism in general and Freemasonry in particular have made on society over the last three hundred years, the Grand Master's Project (2009–2011) will establish a fund to create a Centre for Masonic Studies in conjunction with a University in Ontario. In an age when Freemasonry has been fictionalized and trivialized in popular culture, to gain credibility in the academic community would restore the true historical perspective of the fraternity.

This proposed partnership between the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Brock University, St. Catharines, would honour the name of R.W. Bro. Charles A. Sankey (1905-2009). Dr. Sankey served as Chancellor of the University 1969-1974. A renowned Masonic scholar, he was active in all the concordant bodies of Masonry – Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (33°), Royal Order of Scotland, Royal Arch Masons. His extensive collection of rare Masonic books and papers is in the Special Collections of the James Gibson Library at Brock, providing a rich resource for research scholars and students. To initiate the project, a series of lectures is planned beginning in the spring of 2010.

All contributions should be made through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Project Number 2937.

Raymond S. J. Daniels
Grand Master

4 August, 2009

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The Deputy Grand Master



At the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge in July, R.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling was elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling was Worshipful Master of Kilwinning No. 64 in 1987 and District Deputy of London East in 1994.

He has been elected to the Board at Grand Lodge many times.

Congratulations R.W. Sir.



The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels and his wife Brenda having breakfast with the DDGM for London East, R.W. Bro. Robert Parker and his wife Deborah.

Long Service Awards

50 YEARS A MASON

- Bro. **Beverley Carling DeKay** – Union 380
- W. Bro. **Warren Biggs** – Merrill 344
- Bro **Don Morgan** – Merrill 344
- Bro **.Wendell Gamble** – Merrill 344
- Bro. **Elmer Scott** – Merrill 344
- R.W. Bro. **Warren McCrady** – Merrill 344
- Bro. **Werner Mollé** – Temple 597

Newest Masons in London East

- Bro. **Christopher Jones** - Middlesex 379
- Bro. **Robert Barham** - Union 380
- Bro. **William John McIntyre** - Centennial 684
- Bro. **Richard John Lewis** - London Daylight 735
- Bro. **Ryan Michael Daly** - London Daylight 735

Why Deacons Carry Wands!

Well, we know that they use them to form an arch over a visiting dignitary when escorting him into lodge, but what other uses are there.

It was suggested at one practice that the wands be left behind when conducting a candidate as they just get in the way, and I as D. of C., very foolishly, was inclined to agree. But everything in the masonic ritual has a reason or a hidden meaning that we have to root out so that we understand why we do what we do.

On the south coast of England, in the county of Sussex, near the town of Wilmington, there is carved into a hillside, the figure of a man with arms outstretched and in each hand he holds an asherah or staff. The figure is 70 metres high which is approx. 125 feet. Nobody knows who carved it there, but it is known to be several thousand years old.

The word asherah is the name given to the wooden staff, approx. 6' in length which was carried by the attendants to the high priests in ancient times and was the insignia of their office. The wooden staffs were named for the Goddess Asherah who was the mother of twins Shachar and Shalem who were respectively the God of Dawn and the God of dusk. That is significant as will become apparent later.

The word deacon is a derivation from a Greek word which in translation means attendant. So two deacons with wands are the equivalent of two attendants with asherahs.

In the J.W. lecture it states that a masonic lodge is situated due east and west for three reasons.

1st - The sun rises in the east and sets in the west. Remember Shachar and Shalem the Gods of dawn and dusk, sunrise/sunset, there is a connection there. 2nd - We'll put that one aside as it has no significance here. 3rd - The tabernacle of Moses and the temple of Solomon were so situated. We'll take the tabernacle of Moses because he and his followers were always on the move, and it provides a great example of the use of the Asherah.

All holy or sacred buildings at that time were situated due east and west and the tabernacle of Moses was no different except that Moses and his followers were on the move for 40 years. So the tabernacle, which was of course a tent, had to be dismantled and re-erected every time they moved, and at the rebuilding it had to be situated due east and west.

So Moses and his two attendants, complete with asherahs, would go to the chosen site where the tabernacle was to be erected just before dawn, accompanied by the heavy gang who were going to do the erecting. Moses would then choose the spot where the altar was to be and instruct one of the attendants to place his asherah on that spot. When the sun rose above the horizon, the rays from the sun would strike the asherah and send a long thin shadow towards the west. The other attendant would then place his asherah on the other end of the shadow and that would designate the centre line of the proposed tabernacle. The heavy gang would then move in and erect the tabernacle with the altar at the east end and the entrance at the west end.

Just as an aside, that is the way that all lodges were set out, with the altar in the east directly in front of the W.M.. The idea of having the altar in the centre of the lodge is a fairly recent one and I think is peculiar to North America. However, that's by the way and is of no importance here.

Obviously, the magnetic compass had not been invented at that time so all holy and sacred buildings had to be set out with the aid of two asherahs and K.S. temple was no different.

And so, the asherah, being the very first tool or implement to be made use of at the building of the temple makes them of extreme importance from a masonic historical point of view, and as such should be carried at all times as the insignia of the office of the deacons and in particular when conducting a candidate.

And that brethren is why the deacons carry wands.

Bill Douglas PM, Kenilworth Lodge #29 GRA, 2001

A Helping Hand from the Shrine

The Alumni Unit

MOCHA TEMPLE – ASSOCIATION OF MASONIC PAST MASTERS

Mission Statement: Our mission is to assist Masonic Lodges with degree work when the need arises; or if a special event may warrant it. We do however, encourage all Lodges to strive to the utmost to perform their allotted tasks in carrying out degree work, for their own benefit and for . . . “the Good of Masonry”.

- The Mocha Alumni is made up of Shriners who are Past Masters from the various Masonic Lodges within the jurisdiction of Mocha Shriners and was formed in 1972. As of this date, we have over 200 members on the role including inactive/social members.
- **Some Statistics:**
- The “Unit” was formed in 1972 with the help of Past Potentate and a Grand Lodge Officer, V.W. Bro. T. Ray Powell who served as our Director for the first 7 years.
- Grand Lodge Officer, R.W. Bro. Ray Hutson who was also a Chartered Member of the Alumni, then served as Director for 27 years.
- Current Director since 2002 is W. Bro. Fred Smith.
- Over the years, the Alumni has conferred over 460 degrees in Lodges throughout and beyond our Masonic District with the Master Mason Degree being our prime role.
- The Alumni Degree Teams have travelled near and far to such places as Tara (north of Walkerton), Minden near Haliburton, Windsor and many Lodges in between. Conferring the 1st and 2nd degrees as well as performing the Installation Ceremonies for new Masters and Officers of some Lodges, has also been the “work” of the Unit.
- Initiation: Should you be interested in joining this illustrious group of Noble Shriners and Past Masters or are interested in having them visit your lodge, please contact Director Noble (W. Bro.) Fred Smith at 519-472-6508, or our Assistant Director Noble (R.W. Bro.) Ross McIntyre at 519-631-7878 for an application or information.

Submitted by: W. Bro. Fred C. Smith, Director.

London Medical Outreach Program

The Medical Outreach Program is an initiative that was started in 1999 by the then current DDGM's of London East and West, R.W. Brother James C. Sutherland (DDGM London East, 1998), R.W. Bro Alfred B. Messenger (DDGM London West, 1998) and R.W. Bro Gus Gracey (DDGM London West, 2000) was appointed to prepare and layout the program format.

This initiative was sparked by a request to visit a brother from out of town who was coming to one of the London Hospitals. The idea grew and developed with the intention of setting up a London District volunteer visitor pool. Each district in the 519 calling area was informed through the respective DDGM's. The DDGMs of the London Districts were to be the contacts and they would forward the request to their respective Chairman of Benevolence. The Chairman of Benevolence would then contact volunteers and arrange a visitation. A little background of the brother being visited is helpful when selecting a couple of knowledgeable volunteers, a common background, history etc., makes the visit less tedious and as enjoyable as possible under the circumstances.

The Medical Outreach Program flourished, the volunteer pool grew and visitations were frequent. Then SARS came along and the program was put on the back burner for awhile. The program is still active and the lodges have shown great support by rebuilding a current volunteer pool. With little effort and a lot of dedication this program could be expanded to include visitations with our own local members within our own districts.

The masons of the London District stand ready and willing to provide a friendly and supportive roll whenever called on.

R.W. Bro. J. Ross McIntyre

Protocol & Etiquette

The following article is taken from the B 2 B FaciliFacts Presented by the Brother 2
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Protocol & Etiquette

A Brother's Name

The most cherished possession of any man is his name. It is most important to get a brother's name right and pronounce it correctly, whether the person being addressed or introduced is a member, visitor, candidate or a Grand Lodge Officer. If in doubt check in advance, make a note or even write it out phonetically if necessary. The name badge recently approved by our Grand Lodge should assist when greeting visiting brethren.

Rank and Title

Proper Use

Improper Use

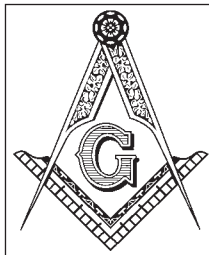
Worshipful Master.....	Worshipful Sir (except in the ritual)
Brother Senior Warden.....	W. Bro. Senior Warden
Brother Secretary.....	W. Bro. or Rt. W. Bro. Secretary
Brethren.....	Brothers
Full Rank and Surname.....	Brother John

A Brother rising to speak in open lodge, when recognized by the Worshipful Master, addresses the presiding Officer: "Worshipful Master, Brethren ..."

When Grand Lodge Officers are present that are entitled to assume the gavel, all should be included in the address: "Worshipful Master; Most Worshipful the Grand Master; Most Worshipful the Past Grand Master; Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Master; Brethren ..."

Should other Grand Lodge Officers be present that are not entitled to assume the gavel, the address can be shortened to: "Worshipful Master; Most Worshipful the Grand Master; Most Worshipful the Past Grand Master; Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Master; Distinguished East; Brethren ..."

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