

The Level Mosaic

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Getting Started

This is **not** the **Lodge's Summons**. Each member of Oxford Lodge #76 receives a Lodge's Summons either by Canada Post or via Email. The Lodge Summons tells us what we plan to achieve.

Our Website; www.oxford76.ca is a continuous window to the world for our 135 members and others.

This Newsletter will be another way, to show what we have done, both inside & outside the walls of our Lodge.

Installation June 14th, 2010



W. Bro. Dean Truscott was Installed by his father, R. W. Bro. James C. Truscott & assisting was W. Bro. Dave Truscott of King Solomon's 43



Front Row; W.Bro. Ken Roth, Tyler..W.Bro. Dan Haig, Chaplain..W. Bro. Scott Kubota, I.P.M...W.Bro. Dean Truscott, W.M...R.W. James Truscott, Secretary.. Bro. Andrew Iwaniw, S.W... Bro. Simon Wilton, Treasurer..
Back Row: Bro. Ron Knopf, S.D...V.W.Bro. John Sutherland, Historian..
W.Bro. Brad Swanson, D. of C...Bro. Dale Egan, Inner Guard..Bro. Gerard DenHartough, J.D.

Cornerstone Designation

Worshipful Master
July 5th, 2010

Today, it is the Lodge Resources Committee's great pleasure to announce and extend its hearty congratulations to Oxford Lodge No. 76 on achieving the designation of **Cornerstone Lodge 2009 – 2010**. The lodge deserves to be extremely proud of the level of proficiency that it has achieved and you are to be commended for your dedication and determination in meeting the Cornerstone challenge.

David R. Dainard

Chairman – Lodge Resources Committee

“The CORNERSTONE Project has been developed 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.”

Introduction, Cornerstone Project 2010-2011



50 Year Pin

W. Bro. Glen Milligan Sr., a P.M. of Redford Metropolitan 152, in Redford Michigan & an honorary member of Oxford Lodge was presented with his 50 year pin, in due and prescribed form.

The ceremony was directed by W. Bro. Scott Kubota & R. W. Bro. James Truscott. Assisting in the ceremony was W. Bro. Glen Milligan Jr., also of Redford Metropolitan & Oxford 76, lead the brethren in Grand Honours.

Also present from Redford Metropolitan were W. Bro. Dave Bodine & his son Bro. Bodine.

James C. Truscott

Initiated into Oxford Lodge; March 1974

Installed as Worshipful Master; 1998

Elected as D.D.G.M., July 2009

D.D.G.M.'s Report, July 2010;

The majority of the eleven Lodges of Wilson North District are sound and enjoy good health, however, a few continue to struggle with membership and/or financial issues.

Five of our Lodges, were fortunate to have initiated ten members during this Masonic year, and six Lodges have yet to have a new candidate. In total, thirty-one degrees have been conferred.

While Friend to Friend has been given top priority within the Lodges of the District, the Brother to Brother, Mentor, and Officer Progression Programmes need to be given somewhat equal consideration.

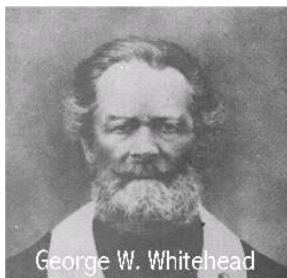
The implementation of the Cornerstone Project in Wilson North District has provided positive interest among our members, as their Lodges strive to achieve that designation.

On the standard of performance of the Ritual, the stronger lodges continue to be self sufficient in delivering excellent work, while others tend to deliver acceptable work often supplemented by importing expertise from other Lodges.

The majority of Lodges actively participate with community involvement in events such as Blood Donor and MasoniChIP Clinics, support for Habitat for Humanity, highway litter clean-up, assistance at local events, presentation of public school achievement and citizenship awards, annual bursaries to high school students, sponsorships to various youth organizations, hosting barbeques, golf tournaments, and Murder Mystery Dinner Theatres, and wreath laying at the Community Service of Remembrance. Our Lodges actively participated in a recent District Open House.

It is a pleasure to have represented our Grand Master, and to have served the Lodges of Wilson North District. I thank the brethren of this District and those of Oxford Lodge in particular, for having afforded me this wonderful opportunity.

James C. Truscott -- D.D.G.M. -- Wilson North District



George W. Whitehead

150 Years Ago

George W. Whitehead of Oxford Lodge was the 1st D.D.G.M. of the newly formed Wilson District, July 1859. Attached is a portion of his report dated July 1860;

"In conclusion, I beg to submit the following suggestions to the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge:

"That the Grand Lodge determine, by restriction or otherwise, that no member shall belong to two or more Lodges at the same time, unless for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, and then not to continue such membership longer than six months without selecting the Lodge to which he wishes to become a member.

"That suspension for non payment of dues shall exclude a member from the privileges and benefits of Masonry, until such suspension is removed, and he be restored to full membership by the Lodge.

"That it shall be considered obligatory for a W. Master, when re-elected to the chair, to be again installed in the usual way.

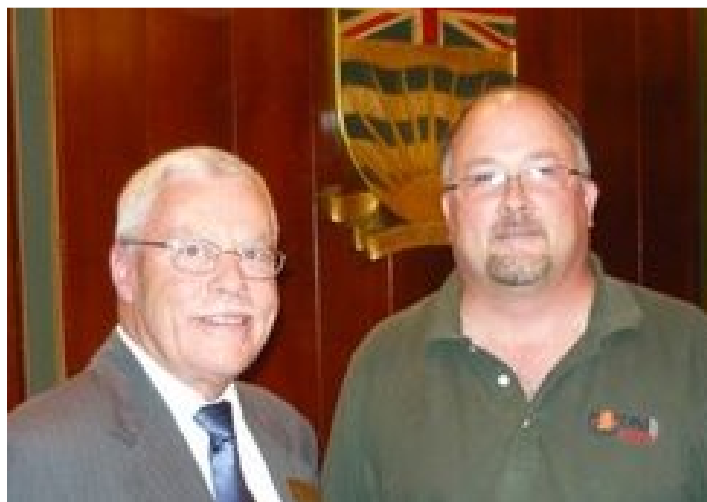
"That the installation ceremony, as practiced by the Grand Lodge of England, be adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

"The adoption of District Grand Lodges, or Lodges of instruction, if adopted might be made the means of bringing about a uniformity of work, and productive of many advantages to the craft in general, and the District Deputy Grand Masters will require additional authority vested in them for this purpose."

Grand Lodge 2010 Wednesday July 21



Jim Truscott, relaxing with Bro. Simon Wilton, Treasurer, after the District meeting.



Jim Truscott, our Old D.D.G.M. & Dave Berry, our new Grand Steward. Congratulations Jim, on a great year as the D.D.G.M. of Wilson North, 2009-2010.



Karen & Ray at the MasoniChip Display. --Question; who is really in charge?Yes dear.



Bob McTavish & W.Bro. Dave Madill from Wiarton, at the MasiChip Display.



Simon Wilton, with Michael de Belleval of Tavistock # 609.



R.W. Bro. Norm Mathie, G.S.W. 2009-2010; R. W. John Hough, Past Member of the Board; M. W. Bro. Petrisor, Hon. Member Oxford 76; V. W. Bro. Michael Ikonomidis, Past G. Pursuivant.



John Sutherland with R.W. Bro. Balfour LeGresley, P.G.S.W. & Grand Master's Meritorious Award Recipient.



Our Newly Elected D.D.G.M., Ken Small, from Plattsville #178, with Dave Berry & Kent Cunningham from St. John's 68, Ingersoll.

The Best Till Last



Hi Guys,

Bob Dunn celebrated his 91st Birthday yesterday, Sunday August 8th, and was in good spirits. He still loves to talk about Lodge.

Jim Truscott

Visit a shut-in.

It will do everyone a world of good.

Dear Truscott W.M.

For those of you who made it to the last page we thank you. Your photos and stories would be appreciated.

There is more to Lodge than the second Monday of the month.

IN MEMORIUM

RAPER, A. Leroy - At Stratford General Hospital on Monday, July 5th, 2010. Leroy Raper of Chieftain St., and formerly of RR#6 Woodstock in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of M. Bernice Raper (nee Hawkins) for almost 61 years. Dear father of Leonard "Len" Raper, Ruth Ann (Keith) Innes, Steven (Kim) Raper and Derrick (Valerie) Raper. Loved and cherished grandfather of 11 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Dear brother of Beatrice (Haley) Robinson. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Arthur and Greeta (nee Hallock) Raper. Leroy was a member of the Masonic Lodge Oxford 76 for 57 years, and also a long time member of the Shriners Clown Unit. Cremation has taken place. A private family time of remembrance will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Shriners Club of Oxford, or the Woodstock General Hospital would be appreciated and may be arranged through the Longworth Funeral Home 845 Devonshire Avenue, Woodstock. Initiated; Jun 14 1954