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ASHLAR LODGE A.F.A.M. 610 G.R.C

2001- 2007

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### Membership Review :

As we entered into the 21st Century the Lodge Membership was 102 Members, and off to a slow start for the first four years, from 2001 thru 2004 there were seven applications received. Four of these for initiation and three for affiliation. During the same period there were six deaths recorded.

2001- Bro. David Sanderson was elected Master

2002- Bro. Michael Steele was elected Master.

On election night, to fill the chairs for 2003, five Past Masters put forth their names, two of these, the S.W. and J.W. proceeded through to the Masters Chair for the next three years.

2003/2004 - W. Bro. Ray Masters served as Master for 2003 and 2004 for his second and third time.

2005 - W.B. Norm Kerr was elected for the year 2005. (5 deaths reported for 2005)

2006- Bro. Roy Hill was Elected Master for 2006, an Affiliate member (2003), who started in the chairs as S.W. (5 deaths reported for 2006). Applications received were 12 consisting of seven for Initiation and five for Affiliation.

2007 - W. Bro. James Simpson - Was elected as Master for 2007. an Affiliate member, and a Past Master of Parthenon Lodge 267, Chatham District. Applications received were 12 consisting of eleven for Initiation and one for Affiliation.

Six chairs were filled by members who joined the Lodge during 2005/2006.

As of April 30th 2007 the membership was 109 Members

### Special Projects- Fund Raisers

Sausage Making - This project was introduced by W. Bro. Norm Kerr, in the fall of 1997 to replace the Lobster Fest (1995 to 1997) after a loss in 1997.

Garage Sale - This project was originally organized by W. Bro. Dave Sanderson and held in front of the Lodge Building and then combined with the Sausage Project (2005) and held at St. Annes Parish Hall. (The Sausage Project was dropped in 2006, but the Garage Sale & BBQ are still being held by W. Bro. David Sanderson.)

Mardi Gras Night: Organized by W. Bros. Roy Hill and John Lloyd who are Members of the Dixie Five Band.

This Group has played for several Masters BBQ's. Mardi Gras Nite is held at the Mocha Temple and Mason's and Friends are invited to participate.

Golf Day: Introduced to the Lodge by W. Bro. Robert Brewster, a yearly event that is organized by W. Bro. Brewster. This event was designated in 2006, as the "Ken Turner Golf Day", in memory of W. Bro. Ken Turner.

### Communications .

2006- Bro. Jayme Cousins approached the Board of General Purpose to see if the Lodge would consider a Web site, and offered his service in establishing such. This offer was very quickly accepted, and Brother secretary Murray Dale and Bro. Cousins went to work and updated the E Mail address file and created a Web site, which was forwarded to Grand Lodge for approval.

Ashlar Lodge Online: [www.ashlarlodge610.ca](http://www.ashlarlodge610.ca)

2004- R.W. Bro. Robert McLeod a Past D.D.G.M. of Corinthian Lodge 657-Kirkland Lake, Temiskaming District affiliated with Ashlar Lodge 610 in 2004. R.W. Bro. McLeod was editor of a monthly Newsletter for his Lodge, and received a Merit Award (for The Best Newsletter) at the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge in July 2003. On his arrival at Ashlar Lodge he offered to prepare a Newsletter for the Lodge, and it certainly has proven its self and certainly looked for with the monthly summons.

Special Events

April 23- 2007: Regular Meeting included a Presentation of Pins and Jewels

- 25 yr. Past Master Pin to W.Bro. Robert Shaw
- Several Brother to Brother Pins
- Several Lewis Jewels

There were 63 Members in Lodge, that included the Deputy Grand Master R.W.Bro.Allan J. Petrisor, R.W.Bro.David Kennedy D.D.G.M.London West District.,and several G.L.Members, and D.D.G.M.'s of other Districts. The D.G.M along with Worshipful Master W.Bro.James Simpson, assisted W.Bro. Murray Dale in the presentation to each recipient.

Bro. Secretary was congratulated for the excellent program he had prepared by the D.G.M. R.W.Bro. Allan Petrisor , who also thanked him for the invitation to attend this event.

The D.G.M. R.W.Bro Allan Petrisor, was also Presented with a B to B Lapel Pin . The Brother to Brother Pins were designed by W.Bro. Dale, who is the Ashlar Lodge Representative (theG.L.Facilitator) for this Program. R.W.Bro.Petrisor approved this Design when it was sent to Grand Lodge,for approval.

The program also Included the Presentation of several Lewis Jewels . The Lewis Jewel was approved at

the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge 2006 .Section 384 of the Book of Constitution was amended by adding a new paragraph 384 (a). This Jewel may be worn by a Mason,if at the time of his Initiation his father was a Mason in good standing (the initiate of a deceased father- in good standing at the time of his demise- would also qualify).

The Lewis Jewel- W.Bro.Dale asked the Members (any that qualified ) if they were interested , and would like to participate ,he would order these Jewels from Grand Lodge (the cost to them would be \$55.00) . The response was very good so ??? Jewels were ordered, and were presented to the Fathers and Sons at the April 23rd Meeting.

R.W.Bro. Ross Fuller assisted in the presentation to the sons of fathers who were not in attendance.

On closing ,the Worshipful Master the Officers and Members of Ashlar Lodge were congratulated by R.W.Bro. Petrisor on the excellent work of the evening , and through Grand Lodge expressed thanks to the support of the B.to B. Program by W.B. Murray Dale.

2006:June 19th 2006 - the "Kenneth M. Turner Award": The 1986 Masters were present at the June 19th 2006 Meeting, to present a trophy to Ashlar Lodge 610 in memory of W.Bro.Kenneth Murray Turner . . W.Bro. KenTurner served Ashlar Lodge as Secretary from 1993 to 2004. (dec,June 4,2004)

The KenTurner family members and other guests were introduced to the Lodge members, R.W.Bro Gus Gracey and the 1986 Masters and spouses where introduced, R.W.Bro.Gracey (Master of Ceremonies) addressed the lodge attendance,and spoke of Bro.Kens involvement with the 1986 Masters.Br.Jim Sinclair presented the Trophy to Mrs. Fran Turner and family, who then asked W.Bro. Roy Hill to accept the Trophy for

Ashlar Lodge 610, so the Lodge could decide on the requirements necessary , and when/how etc. to award this to a deserving person.

2005:April25-2005 :Presentation of a 50year Past Master Pin to R.W.Bro. Ross C. Fuller.

"Ross Fuller Appreciation Night" A very special evening for R.W.Bro. Ross Fuller, and a memorable evening for the members of Ashlar Lodge. also for the family and friends of Ross including members from the Church that Ross is a member, and the Masonic members from the many branches of Masonry to which Bro. Fuller is a member. Several of these commented on their association with Bro.Fuller were--

R.W.Bro. Wes Botham ,a long time friend and travelling companion.

V.W. Bro. Harry Unwin, an active member of Ashlar Lodge ,during Ross' year as in 1954.

V.W.Bro.Bill Luxton ,a long time friend and fellow member of the Scottish Rite.

W.Bro. Ronald Lawrence , who along with Ross is a charter member of Oakridge Lodge 708.

R.W.Bro.Mackenzie Tilden , an Ashlar member and PDDGM 1987 London West District.

R.W.Bro. Ronald Saunders PDDGM London East District and a member of Ross' church.

Guest Speaker was D.G.M. R.W.Bro. Gary Atkinson-who addressed the Lodge,

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Presentation of a 50yr.Past Master pin to R.W.Bro. Fuller by the W.M.Bro. Norm Kerr. assisted by the D.G.M. R.W.Bro.Gary Atkinson and the D.D.G.M.R.W.Bro.Fred Smallbone. Following comments from W.B. Kerr and R.W.Bro. Fuller, the visitors were escorted from the Lodge , the Lodge was duly closed, and the Brethern joined the others at the Bryon Legion for refreshments and a social hour.

### - Monthly Hilites

2002- Bro.Michael Steele was elected as W.M. in November 2001 and in December was Installed by his Father R.W.Bro. James Steele. PDDGM Acacia Lodge 580 (1977).

2002-Jan.28 2002- R.W.Bro. Andy Anderson (St.Johns 20) ,presented to Ashlar Lodge ,from himself and wife Mary. a replacement sword for the Tyler, this was to replace one stolen in a break in of the Lodge Building.

Masonic Education presented by Mt. Olivet Lodge 300.

2002-March 1 2002- An a Appreciation Evening was held for Bro. Ken Turner (W.M. in 1986 and secretary from1993 to date). In addition to his duties as Secretary , Ken can often be found workng behind the scenes making sure the Lodge runs smoothly. This reception was held at the Mocha Temple.

-Bro. Fred Peters presented to the W.M.a handcrafted oak holder for the Inner Guard tools. On behalf of the members the W.M. Michael Steele thanked Bro Fred ,for the addition of this peice of furniture.

2002- May 27 2002- DDGM Official visit to his Home Lodge, of our own R.W.Bro. Douglas Tucker.

Annual Memorial Service was held, honouring deceased brethern in the London Districts.

2002- June 3-2002 - The family of Bro.Arie deKwasteniet requested a Memorial Service be held at Woodland Cemetery for Bro. deKwasteniet. Twelve Brethern attended this service ,arrangements were made by Millard George Funeral Home. Bro.Areie was a long time member -1953 (237 on register) ,he received his first degree in the old Lodge Building , and his second in Ilderton Lodge Building. being used by Ashlar Lodge while the new Buildig was in the process of being built. His third degree was confered in the new (current) Building of Ashlar Lodge.

(note of interest ) Comment made to Bro Phil Brown by funeral Director Paul Mullen that it was "the first Masonic Memorial Service he had arranged on cemetry grounds". The reply to him was "Maybe not the first for Ashlar?-but certainly the first since I have been a member."

2002-July 2002-Several members attended the Grand Lodge Communications in Toronto when R.W.Bro.Doug Tucker completed his year as D.D.G.M. for London West , also Bro. Bruce Dow received an appointment as Grand Steward at this meeting of Grand Lodge.

2002-September 2002- Presentation of V.W.Bro. Bruce Dow's G.L. Regalia.

Visiting Brethern from Oakridge Lodge presented a generous donation towards the chairlift , Brother secretary,V.W.Brro. Larry Carter reported that donations received are very close to our goal for this SpecialProject.

2002- October 28-2002-R.W.Bro.James Steele was presented with a 50 Yr. Pin , by W.M. Bro Michael Steele, son of R.W.Bro.Jim Steele. Chair Lift "It's a Go", Bro. Treasurer reported a contract had been signed to proceed with the installation of the chair lift.

2002- November 27 2002 - To fill the chairs , five Past Masters put forth their name for election , two of these, the S.W. and J.W. proceeded through to the Masters Chair for the the next three years

2002-December 2002- W.Bro.Ray Masters was installed as W.M. by W.Bro. Norm Kerr for 2003.

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2003-January 27-2003- The Anti Room wallpaper had been removed and the walls, etc. had been re painted.

The work was done by V.W.Bro. Larry Carter and several volunteers.

The entrance to the anti room, carpeting etc. . Under the direction of Bro's Ken Turner , Larry Carter, Steve Foster , Chris Gibbs/ family, and Volunteers the results were great and all involved received a warm thank you from the Members of the Lodge. V.W.Bro. Larry Carter reported the Chair Lift was now in and ready for use.

2003 - April 28 2003- Pin Presentations- 11- 25 yr. Paster Master Pins (8 of the 11 were present to receive their pin).

2003- November 24 2003 -With the resignation of the S.W.-W.Bro. Al Jackson in a business related transfer out of London, W.B. Ray Masters volunteered to continue as W.M. for 2004 , and was elected as such.

2003-December 8 2003- W.Bro. Ray Masters was Installed as W.M. for 2004. Installing Master was W.Bro. David Sanderson.

2004-January 26-2004-W.Bro. Ray Masters continuing as W.M. for 2004 year. Interim Secretarial Duties are taken over by the Assistant Secretary, W.Bro. David Sanderson during the absence of Bro. Secretary , W.Bro. Ken Turner.

2004- June 28 -2004- A great loss for family , friends and Ashlar Lodge , the passing of W.Bro. Ken Turner on June 4th-2004, W.Bro. Ken had been secretary since 1993, and will be remember for his dedication to Ashlar Lodge , for performing his duties as secretary , for his participation in any project , for his humour and musical talent, and especially the "Scottish Accent " .

2004-September 27th 2004 - The first "News Letter" was included with the monthly summons, prepared by the newest affiliate to Ashlar Lodge, R.W.Bro. Robert McLeod, Editor. It contained a profile of R.W.Bro McLeod a very active person and dedicated Mason. Also included was a profile of W.Bro. Norm Kerr - DofC.2004. Bro. McLeod intends to have a profile included in each publication of the "News Letter " .

2004- October 25-2004-The first indication of a turn around in applications for membership , at this meeting a ballot was held on three applicants for initiation , this will add to the three waiting for their second and three waiting for their third.

2004-November 2004.. W.B. Norm Kerr was elected as W.M. for the year 2005 . W.Bro. James Simpson a recent Affiliated member, and a P.M. from Parthenon Lodge 267 Chatham was elected as S. W.

2004 -December 2004- The officers for 2005 were duly Installed and Invested. The Installing Master was W.Bro. Ray Masters , the Father of W.Bro. Norm Kerr, W.Bro. Robert Kerr who installed Bro. Norm as W.M in 1999 , assisted in the Installation.

2005- W.Bro. Kerr set his goals to complete as many as possible to those waiting for degree advancement . An emergent meeting was held on January 10th to perform 2-third degrees, unfortunately one candidate was not ready.

2005 -January 24th 2005- Degree work- Three candidates received their First degree, a ballot for one initiation was taken. An emergent meeting was scheduled for February 14th to confer two second degrees.

2005 -February 14- one second degree conferred , the second candidate had been transferred out of town.

-February 28th- .DDGM. R.W.Bro. John McKaig was received on his official visit to Ashlar Lodge.

The annual Memorial Service was held in Honour of six of our deceased Brethern, since the last Memorial Service was held.

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2005-March 14th- An emergent meeting was held , three second degrees were conferred.

-March25th-Keeping to his target ,two first degrees were conferred , The W.M. acknowledged the effort given by the Officers and DegreeTeams in execution of their duties.

2005:April25-2005 :Presentation of a 50year Past Master Pin to R.W.Bro. Ross C. Fuller.

2005- May 9th-2005- Emergent MeetingThree Third degrees conferred.

- May 23rd-2005- Regular Meeting , a third deggree was conferred.

2005-June 13 -2005-Emergent Meeting-Conferring the second degree.

-June 18- 2005-Emergent Meeting-Conferring the First Degree .

2005 -September-26th- Visit of the East and West S.W.'s Education Team.

2005- October17th -Emergent Meeting-Conferring the second Degree.

- October 24th-2005- Step-p Night and Proving Third Degree.

2005- November 28th- Election -Bro Roy Hill was elected W.M. for 2006 ..Three Master Mason's proved their Third, and submitted their names for election ,were duly elected and will proceed as officers for 2006.

2005- December- 2005-W.M.Roy Hill-was Installed as Master and the Officers invested for 2006 , Installing Master :W.Bro .Ed Davy

2006- January 23-2006- Confering Third Degree. Proving a Third Degree

2006- February27th-2006- Receiving the DDGM R.W.Bro. Fred Smallbone on his official visit.

Annual Memorial Service was held , in honour of six of our departed brethren,since our last memorial service was held.

2006- April 24- 2006: Regular Meeting included a Presentation of Pins and Jewels . W.Bro. Murray Dale made a review of past records and identified many brethern that had not received their pins due. The results revealed that a total of forty one members made up this list. There were 24 members present to receive a 25,50,or 60 year pin , the balance of pins will be delivered to the member. W.Bro. Roy Hill thanked Bro. Secretary for for the effort and success in organizing this presentation, the Worshipful Master congratulated the receipients of the awards,and how gratifying it was to have so many members who were able to attend the evenings meeting.

2006-June 12th 2006- Emergent Meeting - Conferring theSecond Degree.

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2006-September 11th 2006- Emergent Meeting - Conferring the Third Degree.

2006- September 25 2006- DDGM R.W.Bro. David Kennedy, and the visiting S.Ws. where on hand.

Step up Night- Conferring the Third Degree.

2006- October 23 2006-Presentation of collars by R.W.Bro. John McKaig on behalf of a Acacia Lodge 580, presented the collars to Worshipful Master Roy Hill, of Ashlar Lodge 610, who thanked him for the gracious donation. ( this followed the October 11th meeting of the amalgamation of Acacia 580 with St.Paul's 107). Several members of Acacia Lodge also accompanied R.W.Bro.Mc Kaig, A motion was made by the Finance Committee chairman to increase the dues effective with the 2007 year.

Page7-2006 -November27 2006 - W.Bro.James Simpson -Was elected as Master for 2007.  
Ashlar Members joined the Remember Day Parade (Byron Legion) November 4th 2006.

2006- December 11th- 2006-W.M.James Simpson-was Installed as Master and the Officers invested for 2006 , Installing Master :W.Bro . Robert Brewster.

2007-January 22 2007-A flying start for a new year , conferring a first degree , receiving two applications for initiation , and one for affiliation , and a ballot for joining members.

- January 29th 2007- Emergent meeting conferring a first degree

- February 15th 2007-Ashlar Lodge education team visited Mt.Olivet 330 , there were ten Ashlar members attending ,and a lodge of discussion was presented by Bro. Brian Arnold.

- February 14th 2007- Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance at the Mocha Centre ,organized by W.Bros. Roy Hill and John Lloyd. This was the third Mardi Gras Night organized by these two brethern.(the Dixie Five.)

-February 26th 2007-Receiving the D.D.G.M. R.W.Bro. David Kennedy on his official visit to Ashlar Lodge

- #610. Receiving three applications for initiation , balloting for joining members , and holding the annual Memorial Service honouring five brethern.

March 12th 2007 -Emergent meeting conferring a first degree

-March 15th 2007 - Ashlar Lodge presented education at the D.D. visit to Oakridge Lodge 708, W.Bro.Murray Dale was received , who presented Bro. Brian Arnold who conducted a lodge of discussion , and Jayme Cousins who gave a talk on the poem " I'm the guy".

- March 26th 2007- Regular meeting-conferring the first degree .

-April 20 2007- On a request from the family , the members of Ashlar Lodge travelled to Sarnia to hold a Masonic Service for Bro. Malcom (Mac) Ellenor, a 50yr . Member who past away Friday April12th 2007 .

-April 23rd 2007-Regular Meeting included a Presentation of Pins and Jewels , proving a third degree. and a ballot for initiation. The Son of Bro. Mac Ellenor accepted a 50yr. pin that was to have been presented to his father, at this evenings presentation of pins,

-April 28th 2007-Garage Sale & BBQ, at St.Anne's Parish Hall was held , organized by W.Bro.David Sanderson assisted by 'chief cook" Bro. Rob Sanderson,and several volunteers.

April 30th 2007 -Regular meeting conferring a First degree .

-May 12th 2007- Saturday emergent meeting to confer the Second degree on three members in the A.M. and two in the P.M.

-May 14th 2007- Ashlar Lodge presented education at Oxford Lodge 76, Woodstock ,on the Brother to Brother Program by means of a Lodge of Discussion.

-May-25th 2007 -Regular meeting conferring a Second degree .

- June 11th 2007- General Purpose Meeting. Committee Reports:

Benevolence ,Chairman V.W.Bro. Bruce Dow, will present a motion to include in the duties of this Committee, to allow the Lodge Secretary to forward a donation to the Masonic Foundation of Grand Lodge. of Twenty -Five Dollars for all future deceased brethern. It was also decided by the Brethern at the G.P Meeting , to make use of the" Broken Column " on meeting nights to add to the Benevolence Fund.and along with the receipts from Special Projects, and interest generated from the account, designate a portion of this to be designated to "worthy causes" , when presented to the Benevolence Committee

- June 18th 2007- Regular Meeting- This meeting will celebrate 85 years of Ashlar Lodge 610 Instituted June 26 1922.