

Dreams REALIZED

LOG HOMES HAVE BEEN A PART OF ANDY KINSMAN'S EXISTENCE FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE AND IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT HE WOULD EVENTUALLY COME TO OWN ONE OF HIS OWN

His relationship with 1867 Confederation Log and Timber Frame began with his father, who is co-owner of the company. Rick Kinsman was one of the original employees of the company. He designed and built the first home that 1867 manufactured. As a teen Andy followed in his father's footsteps and worked in the shop learning about the timbers, and the different steps in cutting and building a log home. With several years experience in the factory and on job sites, Andy is now the Operations Manager for 1867 Confederation Log and Timber Frame and oversees the production of every home, including the design, ordering of materials, in-house construction and delivery.

Two years ago he undertook to build his own home situated in the tranquil setting of the Kawartha Lakes vacation region. Surrounded by forest, the log home is a natural complement to its environment.

"I received a lot of help from family and friends to get the structure of the building up" says Andy, "and I've been working on completing the interior in my spare time."

The log home is accented with a timber frame interior, and includes a stunning octagonal turret room with timber frame roof and center pendant. "That was a challenge to both build and install" says Andy, "but well worth it when you see how it looks now." The main floor of the turret room will be used as a dining area, and the lower level as a home office. 1867 Confederation Log and Timber Frame utilizes a special connection system for all timber frame construction. It gives the appearance of traditional joinery but is much faster to build and is actually five times as strong.

The floorplan has 15442 square feet on the main floor including great room, kitchen, dining, laundry, mud room and master suite. An additional two bedrooms and home office are situated on the lower walk-out level. There are living areas on both floors, and plentiful covered outdoor decks for easy entertaining. Views from the main floor deck to the nearby forest are unobstructed



Opposite page: Expansive decking with pine posts and glass railing permit outdoor entertaining in all weather with the help of the roof with its timber frame supports.
This page: Andy connects timbers during early construction, using a special modern connection system which will be covered by traditional pegs.

HOME BUILDING



The octagonal timber frame for the turret room is lifted fully assembled into place by a crane.



Double dovetail corners frame the view from the octagonal dining area through to the kitchen. The wood counter was made by Andy and is supported by custom timber frame brackets.

by a simple log and glass railing system.

The kitchen includes a separate bar area with a unique fish aquarium above it. Andy has finished the kitchen counters with solid wood tops over dark stained maple cabinetry. The timber frame accents are also stained dark and provide an attractive contrast with the light pine walls.

“Over the years I have worked for 1867 I have seen many designs and so had a unique opportunity to incorporate all the ideas that I liked into my own plan.” states Andy.

We treated Andy like any other customer.” states Rick Kinsman. “We do custom designs for all of our home owners. What

makes his experience different from other customers is that he could actually be involved in the initial cutting of the wood for the walls and the timber frame. But anyone who wants to build their own log home is able to. At 1867 Confederation Log & Timber we pre-build each home in our shop, and the logs are all numbered to make it easy to re-assemble on site. A number of our customers have been involved in the actual construction of their own home. It gives a certain amount of satisfaction for them to be able to say “I did it myself”.

For Andy that satisfaction is evident as he looks around his home, “I’m looking forward to spending many years here.”

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