

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Brethren, for the last time, I greet you well.

It's been a relatively plague-free month at Planet Fraser and I trust it will continue!

They say that time flies when you're having fun, but where have the past 12 months gone?

Looking back, we've had a great year. We have done all three degrees, all three tracing boards, had a lecture and organised some great social occasions with more to come! It's been great to welcome WBro Andrae Peipi and as a joining member, Bro Hugh Fraser as a returning member, and Bros Clinton Taylor, Callum Cuncannon, and Craig Fraser as new members.

As a Lodge, we've also been busy with District events and making sure that we're on the map!

Over the past month, I've attended Graeme Powell's installation at Herbert Teagle, Bro Craig and I attended a very good first degree working at Hutt Valley and an excellent first degree tracing board at St Andrews. Bro Craig and I also attended the Empire Fergusson's Whisky tasting evening, which was a fabulous night; with the lesson being that one of the best whiskies of the night was actually (shock horror) an American bourbon! It was also great to see over \$6,000 raised for Big Buddy.

I would seriously recommend next year's whisky night, but remember to get in early; the tickets were sold out in only four days.

We also had our past-masters night and it was lovely to see VWBro Warwick Metcalfe back in the Chair of King Solomon to lead the passing of Bro Clinton to the second degree.

In terms of this month, I am really, really looking forward to Bro Fraser Stephen's installation and receiving the Grand Master. It will be a fantastic night and an event of epic proportions!

Remember Brethren, we have practices on the 18th and 24th.



In terms of visits, I will be attending WBro Kevin Hislop's installation at Hinemoa-Kairangi on Wednesday 10th and Jos van Herk's installation at Empire Fergusson on Tuesday 23rd. I am going to try to make Wellington EC on Wednesday 17th, which is a first degree.

In terms of upcoming activities, Bro Fraser is organising a ladies night dinner for Thursday 25 August (RSVP- stephensfour@xtra.co.nz or 4763478) plus we have our annual quiz night on Sept 17th RSVP to WBro Hadyn secretary@homewood-lodge.net.nz

In terms of our Brethren, it is great to see WBro Graeme Roberts is on the mend and my father has made a splendid recovery.

Finally, I would like to give a huge thanks to WBro's John Nimmo and Dennis Edwards and Bros Fraser Stephens and Tim Edwards for their splendid job stewarding for Herbert Teagle's magnificent effort and thanks again.

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Peter Fraser
Worshipful Master



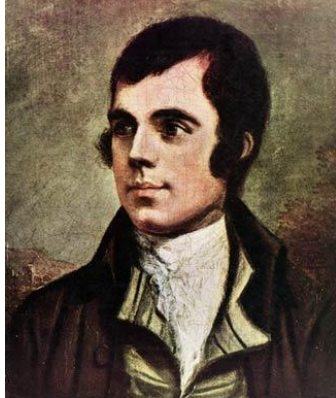
Movie review - Elizabeth, The Golden Age

Often a sequel is made which crucifies the original and you wince as you watch it. You sit there wishing you could have had the chance to throw tomatoes at someone for making it and ruining a perfectly good first movie. However this is not the case with this movie, it follows on from the OSCAR laden film *Elizabeth* and gives a good closure to the first film, which was left hanging to some extent. The history in the film is good and like its predecessor, keeps things fairly accurate without butchering things. I have to give this four rounds.



Masonic History Robbie Burns

The famous Author and Poet, joined Lodge St David Tarbolton on 4 July 1781, his Lodge later closed down and he joined Lodge St James Tarbolton Kilwinning No. 135. In 1787, he was named Poet Laureate in Freemasonry. His poem 'Address to a Haggis' is used often in Lodge refectories throughout the world.



It is officially meant to mark the birth of Robbie Burns on January 25th, 1796. This is celebrated all over the world, including here in New Zealand. In 2009, in Scotland, he was voted by a poll as the greatest Scot ever, followed closely by William Wallace. He has written many poems, many of which take some time to work out as they are written in 'Scottish Rhyme', for lack of a better way to describe it. Several of the poems he wrote are directly related to Freemasonry, including this one to the right titled: 'The Master's Apron'

The Master's Apron

*Ther's mony a badge that's unco brow;
Wi' ribbon, lace and tape on;
Let kings an' princes wear them a' —
Gie me the Master's apron!*

*The honest craftsman's apron,
The jolly Freemason's apron,
Be he at hame, or roam afar,
Before his touch fa's bolt and bar,
The gates of fortune fly ajar,
'Gin he but wears the apron!*

*For wealth and honour, pride and power
Are crumbling stanes to base on;
Eternity suld rule the hour,
And ilka worthy Mason!
Each Free Accepted Mason,
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.*

*Then, brithers, let a halesome sang
Arise your friendly ranks along!
Guidwives and bairnies blithely sing
To the ancient badge wi' the apron string
That is worn by the Master Mason!*

New Zealand Facts

- We have more bookshops and golf clubs per head of capita than any country in the world.
- There are more Scottish pipe bands per head of population in NZ than in Scotland.
- Less than 5% of the population of New Zealand is human - the rest are animals, giving one of the highest ratios of humans to animals in the world.
- No part of New Zealand is more than 128 km from the sea.
- The youngest person ever elected to a city council was Haley Wain at the the age of 18.



The deadline for all articles for the Herald each month is the 10th. If you have been to a restaurant or have some other activity you wish to write about, please do so and send it to editor@homewood-lodge.net.nz

District News

DISTRICT GRAND MASTER – LODGE BUILDINGS REVIEW

A well-attended District Property Meeting concluded, despite some individual reservations, that it was time to face the reality that a Review of Lodge buildings in the district was long overdue. Subsequently the District Grand Master, VWBro Jim Watt, has had discussions with a number of Brethren and is now planning to call a meeting in early August with the view to having a proposal "on the way forward" prepared by early/mid 2012. Lodges interested in being part of this process are asked to discuss it with their Brethren and contact Jim Watt as soon as possible.

ORDER IN THE HOUSE

RWBro Greg Goding, the Queensland guru of Lodge recruitment and membership satisfaction will be returning to NZ early next year. He has a solid record of growing Lodge membership in Queensland. Central Division is planning workshops in the Wellington, Manawatu and Taranaki areas. The Divisional Grand Master, RWBro Steve Salmon, is seeking nominations for charismatic younger Freemasons to join a team to participate in the workshops and to carry the message forward. Masters are asked to sound out potential candidates for this role and advise the District Grand Master, Jim Watt, accordingly.

Social Programme

September 17 th	Combined Brooklyn Lodges Quiz Night
December 3 rd	Christmas Dinner
August 25 th	Ladies Dinner

Lodge Meetings

August 25 th	• Installation
September 29 th	• 2 nd Degree

Ladies Dinner

During Installation, August 25th - a dinner for the ladies will be at Tinakori Bistro at 7:00pm See: www.tinakoribistro.co.nz for the menu Please email Fraser on stephensfour@xtra.co.nz by August 22nd if you wish to attend

Recipe – Prawn Chowder



Ingredients

- 1 large onion, skinned and sliced knob of butter
- 7 fl oz (200 ml) boiling water
- 3 medium sized potatoes, peeled and diced
- salt and pepper
- 198-g (7 oz) can peeled shrimps or prawns, drained weight 113 g (4 oz)
- 1 pt (568 ml) milk
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped parsley

Method

1. Lightly fry the onion in the butter for about 5 minutes, until soft but not coloured.
2. Add the boiling water, potatoes and seasoning. Cover and simmer gently for 15-20 minutes, or until the potatoes are just cooked.
3. Add the shrimps and the milk and re-heat.
4. Stir in the grated cheese and parsley and serve with crusty bread or toast

**WE CHALLENGE YOU TO BEAT THE OTHER
BROOKLYN LODGES
AT THE OHIRO LODGE ROOMS**

2011 QUIZ NIGHT



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH
RSVP WITH YOUR TEAM
\$40 EACH - SQUARE MEAL & LIBATIONS
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TECH TIPS

Computer running slow?

A few simple things to check:

- On your desktop, if you have lots of files saved there, this will slow down the startup time of your computer. Move them to your 'My Documents' or another place.
- Check the 'Startup' folder under 'All Programs' and see if there is anything in there you don't want opening when your PC or Laptop starts up.
- There may be icons relating to applications on the taskbar in the bottom right corner of your screen, you can often right click these and go into the properties and tell the application not to open on startup.
- 'Disk cleanup' is a tool that is under 'All Programs' – Accessories – System Tools and can be run to remove temp files as well.