

# Homewood Herald

## Report from the Master

Compliments of the Season/Gong Xi Fat Chai!

Brethren all, I greet you well.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is now a distant memory, we are already into the second month of 2011, and Year of the Rabbit has just begun.

It's also been a busy time at Planet Fraser with Putri passing her uni exam and James having his fourth birthday. We ended up taking the recession seriously and stayed at home over the break, which allowed me do a lot of tidying up in addition to working on the Morris Minor with the boys – indeed, you can keep up with progress on Facebook, just type in 'Myrtle the Morris Minor'.

If you like, you can even be a Myrtle Facebook friend!



Looking back, it is my view we managed to end 2010 on a really high note, with a very good combined degree working with Greytown St Marks, a most commendable third degree working for Bro Mark, and a lovely Christmas function with Herbert Teagle. I also attended the Wellington EC Christmas function and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We have, as a lodge also been active in our charitable endeavours. We have provided support to Miss Daria Brankin for graduate studies in Italy; and, with the generous assistance of the Wellington Masonic Youth Trust, assisted the Northland Scouts and provided a partial scholarship to Outward Bound for Miss Nicola Johns. As well as providing monies for curtains at the Wellington Early Intervention Trust.

In terms of upcoming charitable endeavours, brethren will also see that I have attached a reminder regarding the Master's appeal for 2010/11, which is in aid of the Big Buddy organisation.

This year is looking equally exciting and promises to start with a real bang, as we're having a combined first degree working with the Brooklyn based lodges on our candidate, Clinton Taylor. This will be followed by our fraternal visit to Te Puni in early April (this will be in lieu of our March meeting), where we will be conducting a second degree working on their candidate.



I am also looking forward to the annual BBQ hosted by Frank and Wynn Hyatt out at their home in Waikanae (19th Feb) and our next Smith's Bay planning session (26/27 Feb).

Given this month is already pretty busy, I am only planning to visit Baden Powell Lodge on Friday 11th February for W Bro Bill McRoberts' installation. I am really looking forward to this, as I will be able to reciprocate the role that Bill played at my installation when he presented the Needle and Cotton, which are the working tools of a Maori Master in the Chair.

## VW Ivan Sutherland PG Std B

In the midst of all of these activities, it saddening to be the bearer of the very sad news that W Bro Ivan Sutherland has passed to the Grand Lodge above. Ivan was a foundation member of Lodge Homewood and was, for many years, our organist. Unfortunately, Ivan has not been in good health over the last few years, with the result being that we have been without an organist. It is my sincere wish that we can reintroduce music into our assemblies and in doing so pay Ivan a tribute for a role that he performed with such aplomb for so many years.

He will be missed by those brethren who knew him.

*Ahdut Coah Hi*

*Peter Fraser*  
**Worshipful Master**

## Social

The Christmas Function was a great success and well attended by members of Lodge Homewood and Herbert Teagle, it is wonderful to see the two lodges in a social function together. The use of the smaller Refectory made it quite comfortable and more personal for the numbers we had. We have had some excellent feedback about the enjoyable evening had by all.

For all upcoming events, please see the last page of the Homewood Herald or the events page on the website.

There will be BBQ and Petanque event at Frank Wynn Hyatt's place on February 19th

## Charity

### Nicola Johns – Outward Bound

We have put \$800 toward Nicola's Trip to Outward Bound, this was also supported by an application to the Masonic Youth Trust, who came up with another \$1,500 which assisted her with the total cost of the course which is \$3,600.

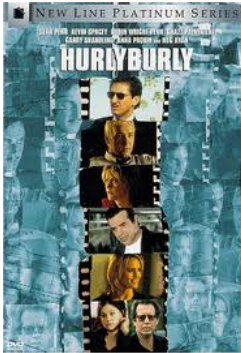
### Northland Scouts – Jamboree

In conjunction with the Masonic Youth Trust, we provided a total of \$1,500 for two Northland Scouts to attend Jamboree 2010-2011, Liam and Angus Stevens. Our Lodge has a history of supporting Scouting and it is of great significance to us.

### Dari Brankin

Funding toward graduate studies in Italy

## Movie review – Hurlyburly



Here is one to miss, this is a movie with continuous conversation throughout the film, the chatter is enough to drive one to distraction, and is I found it hard to watch. This is probably a good one to have going in the background when you have something else to do. It does have an all star cast, with Sean Penn, Kevin Spacey, Meg Ryan and Anna Paquin, however, this does not redeem this film. If you enjoyed Fear & Loathing in Las Vegas, you may enjoy this, otherwise you may consider giving this a miss. I can only give this two rounds due to the bizarre atmosphere throughout the movie.



## Masonic History

### Regius Manuscript

This document, written circa 1390, is purported to be the oldest Masonic text. Also named "A Poem of Moral Duties" was written in poetic meter and is also known as 'The Halliwell Manuscript' after James Halliwell who



first wrote about it in an article in 1840. It consists of 64 pages and resides in the British Museum. The first paragraph of the document (in English) reads

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*Here begin the constitutions of the art  
of Geometry according to Euclid.*

*Whoever will both well read and look  
He may find written in old book  
Of great lords and also ladies,  
That had many children together, certainly;  
And had no income to keep them with,  
Neither in town nor field nor enclosed wood;  
A council together they could them take,  
To ordain for these children's sake,  
How they might best lead their life  
Without great disease, care and strife;  
And most for the multitude that was coming  
Of their children after great clerks,  
To teach them then good works;*

## Bailey's Fudge

100g of cold butter diced

½ cup cocoa

4 cups icing sugar

1/8 cup of milk

1/8 cup of Baileys liqueur

Stir the icing sugar and cocoa into a massive microwave-safe bowl.

Mix in butter cubes, Baileys and milk

Microwave on High for 2-3 minutes, stop every 40 seconds to stir with a wooden spoon. When smooth, pour quickly into a container lined with baking paper.

The fudge should set after about three hours.



**The deadline for all articles for the Herald each month is the 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:editor@homewood-lodge.net.nz)**

## Esperanto – Bro David Ryan

Lodge Homewood's Junior Deacon, Bro David Ryan, has his hands full with his 8-year-old twin daughters. However, between Masonic duties and keeping his daughters under control, David is also President of the New Zealand Esperanto Association.

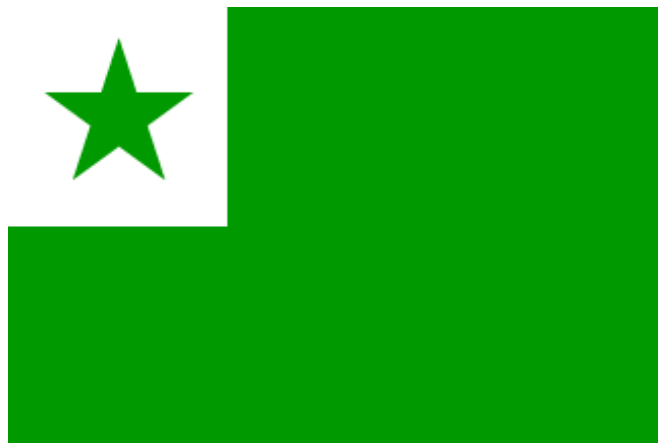
Esperanto is a language created in 1887 by a doctor who lived in a part of Poland where there was conflict between people because they spoke different languages (Polish, Russian, Yiddish, German et al). He felt that, if everyone could speak the same second language, they would be better able to communicate with each other and live more peacefully. The young doctor invented Esperanto mostly by drawing on words from existing languages. For example, English-speakers will find words in Esperanto similar to English words, eg hundo = dog (hound), tablo = table etc. Esperanto is an extremely simple language. Its grammar is regular, words are pronounced as they are spelt, there are no genders as in languages such as French (le maison or la maison?), and many words can be made by taking a root word and adding prefixes and suffixes. Classroom studies have shown that children can reach a level of proficiency in Esperanto much faster than in other languages.

Initially Esperanto took off across Europe, spread to most parts of the world, and flourished. Many famous writers, scientists, and statesmen learnt the language. The dream remains, but Esperanto is not yet everyone's second language. Nevertheless, there are millions of people across the world who speak Esperanto, in over 100 countries. Countries with the largest number of Esperanto-speakers include Brazil, China, France, Poland, and Germany (Esperanto is not as popular in English-speaking countries). There have been many attempts during the years to create a universal language – Esperanto is the only artificial language that has survived.



### Missing!

Have you seen the Canadian flag from our cupboard? This was gifted to us by the Canadian Mounties Lodge a couple of years ago and has since disappeared.



Today, Esperanto is alive and well with millions of pages on the Internet, rock groups give concerts in Esperanto, radio stations across the world broadcast in Esperanto, the Pope includes Esperanto in his blessings. Authors write books in Esperanto or translate books into Esperanto from other languages (eg The Bible, The Koran, Tintin, Asterix, Anne Frank's Diary, even works by Katherine Mansfield). Conferences are held every week in Esperanto, and Esperanto is taught in schools and universities worldwide.

David started learning Esperanto when he was 14. In those dark days before the Internet he wrote to penfriends in France, Spain, Iran, Greece, and the United States. David later worked for three months in the headquarters of the World Esperanto Association in The Netherlands, and now contacts Esperanto-speakers whenever he travels. David says that being able to converse fluently with the locals in a common language is a much better way of learning about another country than going on a bus trip.

Anyone wanting to know more about Esperanto can contact David.

### Movie quote :The Godfather

"Some day, and that day may never come, I will call upon you to do a service for me. But until that day, consider this justice a gift on my daughter's wedding day." *Don Corleone*

## Obituary - Worshipful Brother Ivan Beresford Sutherland PG Std B

### General Background

Ivan was a Motellier, he and his wife Lina owned the Glen Alton Motels at Johnsonville, for many years they have lived in Calcutta St Khandallah

### Masonic Details

Ivan joined Lodge Endeavour No 368 on 10 May 1961. He was passed in August 1961 and raised in February 1962.

Ivan was also a member of the Research Lodge of Wellington (joining in 1971) and served as Worshipful Master in Lodge Endeavour (also in 1971).

Ivan was appointed to the Grand Lodge Rank of Grand Steward in 1981 and as Past Grand Standard Bearer in Nov 1992.

Following the merger of Lodges Endeavour and Karori in August 1983, Ivan became a Charter member of Lodge Homewood.

Ivan was due to receive his 50 Year membership badge in May this year.

Ivan loved his music and was a great support to Freemasonry and the Lodge in that important role.

For as long as all his Masonic friends can remember, Ivan was the Lodge Organist – starting with the old treadle organs and moving with the advent of new technology onto electronic equipment.

Ivan was a straight shooter with high integrity and a strong sense of rectitude. He was always ready to help on any task and he was a great asset to the Lodge. He was wonderful company and had a lovely dry sense of humour.

Until his health started to fail Ivan never missed a Lodge meeting.

Ivan will be sadly missed and we extend our deepest sympathy to Lina and her family.

***Ivan's Funeral will be held at Johnsonville Uniting Church, 118 Dr Taylor Terrace at 1:30 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>***



### Social Programme 2011

February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Frank and Wynne Hyatt have very kindly made their home at 13 Tobys Way, Waikanae Beach, available for a Barbeque and Petanque Competition, Commencing 2:00PM. Please note to Bring Food and Wines/Beer for sharing, and please 'phone or email Graeme Roberts at 476 4795 or <a href="mailto:egroberts@xtra.co.nz">egroberts@xtra.co.nz</a> to confirm attendance
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lodge Family Picnic 1:00pm at Otari
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Dinner 6:30pm – Lodge Rooms
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night 6:00pm – Lodge Rooms
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Solstice Dinner
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Dinner 5:30pm Lodge Rooms

### Other Events

February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Makara Planning at Smiths Bay, anyone wishing to attend must let Fraser Stephens know as soon as possible.
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