

# Homewood Herald

## Report from the Master

*Brethren, I greet you well*

*As usual, it's been another busy month over at Planet Fraser. I've finished my contract at Building and Housing and will be starting another at the Department of Labour that will run until early December – at which point I need to paint the house and build some retaining walls...*

*In the interim, I have a week off so intend to get stuck into Myrtle the Morris Minor.*

*It's been especially busy as Putri has had exams at Varsity and I've been flat out completing work on milk pricing issues. This means I haven't been able go visiting anything like the frequency I want to.*

*Nevertheless, in the past month I did manage to get out Stokes Valley and to St Andrews with W Bros John Nimmo and Graeme Roberts. I also attended W Bro Bray's installation out at Mana on Sat 11, where I did the working tools for a master mason. It was a very special ceremony with Eddy's father as installing officer and his grandfather giving the address to the master. A unique ceremony indeed!*

*We also had an excellent meeting out at Smith's Bay, attended by Fraser, Hadyn, Mark, Warwick and myself. Even the weather was kind to us and I managed to catch up on some much needed sleep.*

*In terms of visits, I will be attending Bro Nick Griffin's installation at Wellington EC on Wednesday 15th, Trentham on Thursday 16th (1st degree), Zetland on Saturday 18th, and Waikanae on Thursday 24th.*

*Any company would be most welcome!*



*Please note that the visit to Waikanae visit will necessitate the rescheduling of our standing Committee meeting – this is because Waikanae meet on the fourth Thursday of the month so there's only about two meetings a year we can attend, as there's five Thursdays in the month.*

*In terms of this month's meeting, it is great to see that we have another member joining us – Craig Fraser, which is a great surname! Craig is a bandsman so we will be celebrating the occasion with the optional wearing of kilts (and normal attire for those without a kilt...). It therefore promises to be a great night – and no doubt, our salutes will be perfect thanks to VW Bro Carr's address last month!*

*We also have the annual Solstice Dinner on the 18th so I hope to see you there – please let W Bro Nicholls or Roberts know for catering purposes.*

*Ahdut Coah Hi*

*Peter Fraser  
Worshipful Master*

## Social – FEDS Dinner Review of Aubergine

Our FEDS (Fraternal Exotic Dining Society) dining program continued late last month with an enjoyable visit to 'Aubergine' Restaurant in Thorndon. We were rewarded with a rather leisurely but tasty meal in small and pleasantly intimate surroundings, with a menu to suit all palates for the dozen or so Brethren Spouses and Friends who came along. Certainly this is an eatery which deserves further visits.

W Bro E G Roberts

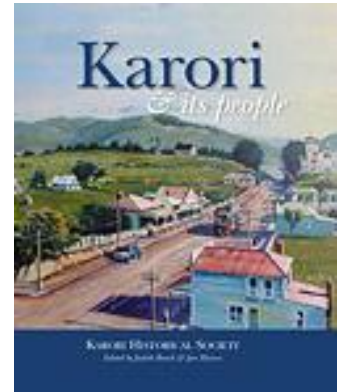
## Charity

Quite some time ago, the Lodge was approached by the Karori Historical Society with a request to provide some information about the origins of Homewood Lodge; as they were in the process of compiling a history of the Suburb of Karori and its people. We were very pleased to be able to provide them with a summary of the Lodge's origins in Karori in the mid 1920's, and its development thereafter, having the majority of its members then being domiciled in this very large suburb of Wellington city. Earlier this year we were asked for assistance in the publication of the finished volume entitled 'Karori and its People', and were very pleased to be able to help them, because of our own long history in Karori, with a financial grant.

On Sunday 12th June, a function was held locally to launch the book and more than two hundred people, including Lodge brethren, were present for the formal launching of the Volume. This history was compiled from the information and photographs provided by a huge number of people and organisations, and traces the suburbs transition from its beginnings as a rural outpost on the 1840s, through to the thriving community it is today - one of new Zealand's largest and most significant suburbs.

The book itself is a substantial one, with high quality paper, printing and binding, and covers a vast range of subjects, supported by photos and other illustrations. - This was indeed a worthy cause for the Lodge to support

W Bro E G Roberts



## Movie review – X-Men First Class



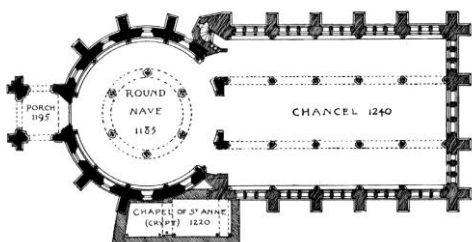
For a fan of X-Men, the directors of this movie have outdone themselves, this is fantastic story and builds the characters of X-men 'to a T'. I have been reading the comics since I was young and this film blew me away. The other films are not quite as good aside from the first one, this film took it to another level and the directors who go for the next movie have a huge challenge on their hands. I give this four rounds and highly recommend this movie on big screen



## Masonic History

### Temple Church London

The Temple Church is located in London between Fleet Street and Crown Office Row. It was first consecrated on February 10th 1185, by Heraclius, the Crusader Patriarch of Jerusalem. It was home to the Knights Templar and was used as a residence, bank and monastery.



After the Knights Templar were imprisoned, the Knights of Malta took control of the building. During World War 2, it was seriously damaged during the Battle of Britain, it was then fully restored and rededicated in November 1958.

## CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

*Thank you to all who donated to the District Grand Master's benevolence appeal which raised over \$15,000. It has been passed to Canterbury and Pegasus Districts to be applied for the benefit of Freemasons, their families and Widows*

*From the District Grand Master Jim Watt*

*"A Waterfall starts with one drop of water"*  
Quote from 'The Power of One'

## From the District Newsletter

### Donation to Life Flight Trust

District 19 Brethren participated in a presentation to fund two night vision helmets to the Life Flight Trust. Funds of \$1,800 raised by the Masonic Bowling Tournament were topped up to \$10,000 by The Freemasons Charity.

This generous subsidy came about because Wellington area is not able to participate in the provision of GPS units to St John Ambulances throughout NZ. Wellington Free Ambulances are already equipped with GPS units.

### Central Division Conference

Hawke's Bay Opera House, Hastings Saturday 14 May 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. There was a good representation from District 19 but, sadly, not a very good response from newer Freemasons who would have benefitted from the excellent briefings on a range of topics. Next year – take a "buddy".

### Knitting Project

Rosemary Salmon is now coordinating the Neonatal Knitting project for the Central Division. To ensure that only the needed items are knitted Rosemary will be distributing lists and wool orders, and requests for knitting patterns should be placed through her.

Contact Rosemary at email

s.r.salmon@xtra.co.nz or phone [04] 5663823.

### VW Bro GILLIES Robert Douglas BEM PDist.GM (Bob) –Died 27 March 2011

*The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all Freemasons in Districts 19 and 21 for their love and ongoing support so freely given during the difficult and sad days prior to and following Bob's death. We have been deeply moved by the wonderful tributes that have honoured his life and acknowledged the respect so many had for him. Bob was very ill most of the time he was in hospital and at times visiting had to be restricted but I know that Bob greatly appreciated seeing those of you who took time out to see him when it was possible. I am aware so many of you attended his Funeral at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. As Freemasons you played your own part in making his farewell so special. We also received so many cards flowers and gifts of food that it is almost impossible for us to acknowledge everyone personally so we hope you will accept this message as our personal thanks to you all.*

Marie Gillies

### Heat Pumps - How they Work

Heat pumps simply transfer free heat (not air) from one place to another, just like your refrigerator does. The heat that rises from the back of your fridge is coming from inside. An evaporator coil extracts warmth from the air inside, and transfers it out into your kitchen through the condenser coil in the back.

Heat pumps work in the same way. Two coils, one inside your home, and one outside are linked to draw warmth from the outside air (even on a cold Kiwi winter's night) and transfer it into your home.

That's a major advantage over electric or gas heaters, as heat pumps have no heating elements to burn energy. Then, at the click of a switch your heat pump can run in reverse, acting as an air conditioner to pump heat out of your home reducing humidity and keeping it fresh and cool in summer.

In our Lodge Rooms, you can set a heat pump to a temperature and it will not let the room go above or below that. – Top section from the Fujitsu Website

### District meeting about Buildings

This was well attended and many came with great ideas. The evening provided an opportunity for people to voice thoughts that may have been at the back of their minds. Moving forward, it looks to be something that may in fact have real progress and be of advantage to a lot of Lodges in the district. We look forward to see where this takes us in the future



**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)**

## Social Programme

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| June 18 <sup>th</sup>      | Solstice Dinner                     |
| September 17 <sup>th</sup> | Combined Brooklyn Lodges Quiz Night |
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Christmas Dinner                    |

## Lodge Meetings

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| June 30 <sup>th</sup>   | • Degree Working               |
| July 28 <sup>th</sup>   | • Degree Working – Pastmasters |
| August 25 <sup>th</sup> | • Installation                 |

## Recipe Beef Salad

### Ingredients

- 750g – 1kg piece rump steak

### Salad

- 250g rice or bean thread vermicelli
- ½ telegraph cucumber, halved and sliced
- 3-4 spring onions
- 1 red pepper, finely slice
- 1 small red onion, peeled and finely sliced
- ¼ cup fresh mint leaves

### Thai Dressing

- 1 large red chilli, deseeded and sliced
- 1-2 cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- Grated rind and juice of 2 limes
- 4 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon Thai fish sauce (see Cook's Tip)
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh coriander leaves, stalks and roots if possible

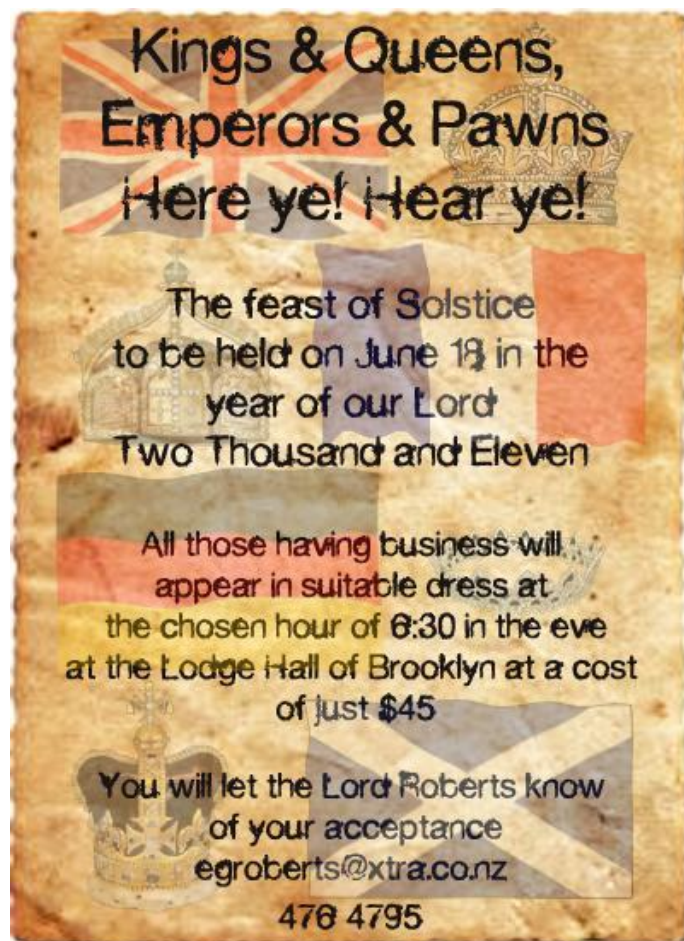
### Cooking Method

Season the steak with salt, pepper and a little oil. Pre-heat a grill or frying pan until very hot. Add the steak and sear on both sides. Transfer to a 200°C oven for 8-10 minutes. This will cook the steak to rare. Allow an extra 3-5 minutes for medium Set aside.

Pour boiling water over the noodles and allow to stand for 10 minutes. Drain well and cut into long lengths.

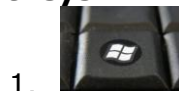
Toss all the salad ingredients together with the noodles and dressing.

Slice the beef into 5mm slices. Arrange the salad on serving plates and top with beef. Garnish with coriander and sprigs of mint.



## TECH TIPS

### Hotkeys



1. Hold the Windows key and press 'M', this will minimise everything on the screen so you can see the desktop.
2. Hold the Windows key and press 'E', this will open Windows Explorer.
3. Hold the 'Alt' button and press tab, you can keep pressing tab and it will cycle through the applications you have open.

When you are in Word or other Microsoft applications you can use the following keys after you have highlighted a word

1. 'Ctrl' + I – *Italics*
2. 'Ctrl' + U – Underline
3. 'Ctrl' + B – **Bold**
4. 'Ctrl' + C – this will copy text or image
5. 'Ctrl' + V – this will then paste that text or image