

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Brethren, I greet you well.

The drop in the outside temperatures combined with it getting dark increasingly early in the evenings signals we're well into autumn. As noted in last month's column, my sister and her family have been visiting us from London, which has been lovely. However, it also means I've not had the opportunity to get out and about as much as I would have liked – though this is something I intend to make up for in May and June (see details below).

Indeed, I ended up missing our April FEDS dinner as I was struck down with an extremely unpleasant stomach bug – I understand, however, that the food was lovely.

I want to make a very warm welcome to Brother Callum as our newest member into Lodge Homewood. As I mentioned in refectory, Callum is both our second youngest and second tallest member – so he simultaneously lowers Homewood's average age whilst increasing our average height! It's great to see that we now have another entered apprentice to sit in the north-east with Bro Clinton. Indeed, I hope to get both Clinton and Callum out to the first degree working on Tuesday 24 May conducted by NZ Pacific out at Johnsonville.

I would also like to congratulate the brethren who took part in Callum's initiation – a great effort one and all, and especially by Bro David; who did an excellent job as Junior Deacon (and made even more commendable given it was his first time in the 'pilot's seat'). With a little luck and lots of good management, David will have another opportunity to be the working Deacon before August; which gives us the opportunity to get our ritual absolutely spot on.

It will also give us the ability to welcome another member into Lodge Homewood, which would be fantastic.

It was also lovely to welcome Bro Steven Skinner who visited us for our April meeting. Bro Stephen is currently on exchange from the British Army and is posted to the Officer Cadet School in Waiouru until July. Steven hails from the Royal Regiment of Scotland and drove down from Linton to join us, which was a tremendous effort. It just goes to show the universality of the Craft.

In terms of Masonic activities, I accompanied the Māori Brethren to Lodge Te Puni, where we conducted a second degree working on Bro Huntly, who is W Bro Ray Keenan's cousin. While the Worshipful Master had something of an off-night, it was nevertheless a lovely evening and my third degree working in four weeks – with two occurring at Lodge Te Puni!



The paua fritters and watercress in refectory was also most welcome and it was great to see W Bro Reg Todd at Te Puni as well.

In terms of upcoming events, we have two excellent presentations for May. The first is on the Signs and Tokens of Freemasonry, and should go a long way towards making sure that as a Lodge, we not only get these right but also understand a bit of their background history and thereby take our daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. The second is by W Bro Hadyn on the history of the Lee Enfield rifle, and will be held in refectory afterwards and promises to be most informative.

In terms of visiting, I will be attending the Divisional Conference on Saturday 14 May. I will also visit Stokes Valley on Monday 9 May (second degree), St Andrews on Monday 16 May (second degree again), and NZ Pacific on Tuesday 24 (first degree). I will also endeavour to get to the United Horowhenua installation on Saturday 28 May.

If any brother wishes to join me you'd be most welcome. Alternatively, if there's an event you would like to attend let me know.

Ahdut Coah Hi

Peter Fraser
Worshipful Master

Social

Coming up in June on the 18th is the yearly Solstice Dinner, which is being run by Bro Henty and should prove to be a fantastic evening if his last one is anything to go by. Please put this in your diary or email calendar. It is going to be the theme of 'Kings and Queens, Emperors and Pawns'

Masonic Visit – Auckland

W Bro Hadyn Nicholls made a trip to Auckland last month for Masonic Business. There were two meetings, the first was to the Installation of W Bro Wayne Jones at the Belmont Albion Lodge on THE NIGHT OF April 12th. This was a well attended installation with some 70+ people in the Lodge room. There was some varied ways of doing things which we will kindly name the 'The Auckland Way'. It was a fantastic Installation and was a credit to their Lodge. They have some interesting items in their Lodge room, with gold plated columns and an assortment of items in and around the pavement in the middle of the room. Things are done differently but he same if that makes sense; as a visiting Master from another district, one can easily get thrown a little, oops, held the hand the wrong way...or did he?



The second day was a visit to the Milford-Trinity Daylight Lodge which is full of ex-Wellingtonians albeit from a long time ago. Both Lodges showed excellent hospitality and friendship and I would recommend anyone to visit if they have the chance.

These Lodges both meet at the North Shore Masonic Centre which is less than ten years old, there are two Lodge rooms within the building, one 'Blue Lodge Room' and the other a 'Red Lodge Room'. Along with a large and spotless kitchen, the adjoining refectory are



has large windows allowing for a lot of natural light. A lot of thought was put into this building in regards the layout. It is well utilised by the Lodges and other orders within the district. The parking can be a bit tricky during the day, the opposite is the case at night

They have upright shelves for storing cases which makes for a lot less mess when it comes to getting out gear for the meetings as well as a part time hall manager to ensure everything is run smoothly and equipment is returned to its proper place. It was an enjoyable trip and is recommended to anyone, there is always a bed available with a friendly member.



Masonic History

Washington Masonic Memorial

This cornerstone of this building was dedicated on November 1st 1923, despite the timing, work managed to continue. The dedication of the memorial took place in 1932 during the time of the Great Depression with President Herbert Hoover in attendance. After World War 2, the interior work started, the entire memorial was not completed until 1970. It now stands as a beautiful building in Washington DC.

In 1999, the large Square and Compass were installed on the Front lawn, which gives this building such splendor.

It is located in Alexandria, Virginia, outside of Washington DC and is made to emulate the great Lighthouse of Alexandria in Egypt. The idea to build this was first proposed in 1852 by the Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.



CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

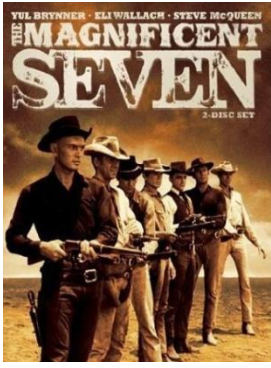
Thank you to all who donated to the District Grand Master's benevolence appeal which raised over \$15,000.

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'*



Movie review The Magnificent Seven

Here is a bit of nostalgia and a film which is probably remembered by many of those in the Lodge older than myself, it came out before I was even thought of. I am a closet Western movie fan and have seen a lot of them, some very bad. This is in the category of being brilliant, an all star line up, which actually meant something years ago. The story is simple and the acting is excellent, some of the greatest actors of all time come together to make a good old fashioned western that will keep you going till the end. I have just added this to my collection and I know I will watch it many more times in the future. I have given this the full five.



From the District Newsletter

Freemasons Longest Morning Tea

This is a wonderfully simple and nationwide, and now international, event that will enable your Lodge to connect with your local community as was demonstrated by the success of last year's event. The event is very simple, as it only requires organising a morning tea at 10 am on Saturday 30 July 2011 at your Lodge room. Freemasons NZ is distributing flyers and ideas to assist in your planning for the event.

It is recommended that Lodges sharing premises combine their efforts and invite partners, families and widows. Select a beneficiary in your community – preferably one that involves lots of young families who will promote it and bring in the participants including potential Freemasons – Involve them in the planning too. Set an objective with the beneficiary and aim to qualify for a Freemasons Charity subsidy.

Plan now so that maximum advance publicity can be generated by Lodges, the District and the Beneficiaries.

Let the District Communications Officer know your plans by Mid May and they can be included in press releases.

The Longest Morning Tea just got longer with a request from Lodges in Southern Wisconsin to participate.

They read about it in the on line version of NZ Freemason. Next year it could stretch around the world!

Knitting project

Jan Cooper, wife of our Grand Master, has implemented a project, called Knitting for Premature Babies, through the Almoners Association.

Statistics show that between 5,000 and 8,000 premature babies are born in New Zealand each year. There is a great need for beanies, jackets and booties.

The Freemasons Charity will provide free patterns, wool and knitting needles. Knitters are needed to provide the labour. The completed items will be distributed to neonatal units around the country. Contact your Lodge Almoner for further details.

Dress codes and what they mean

White Tie:

Dress shirt with pleats and white buttons, white bow tie and black or white waistcoat, formal jacket with tails, dinner trousers

Black Tie:

Dress Shirt with or without pleats and black buttons, dinner jacket without tails, dinner trousers.

Lounge Suit:

Any suit which is matching with jacket and trousers and a tie. Within Lodge a white shirt is preferable

All this information also appears in the Book of Constitution under rule 36, with this last piece below number 37:

'Inability to appear in dress as set out in this rule should in no case deter a Brother from attending Lodge'



Dinner will be on May 28th 6:30 for a 7:00pm meal. Location to be advised. All are welcome to attend, please let W Bro Secretary know if you will be in attendance.



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

Social Programme

May 28 th	FEDS Dinner – Location TBA
June 18 th	Solstice Dinner
December 3 rd	Christmas Dinner

Other Events

Smiths Bay
Planning
Saturday June
11th



Lodge Meetings

May 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture in Lodge Room• Lee Enfield Presentation in Refectory
June 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree Working
July 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree Working - Pastmasters
August 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installation

Recipe - Blueberry Jam Muffins

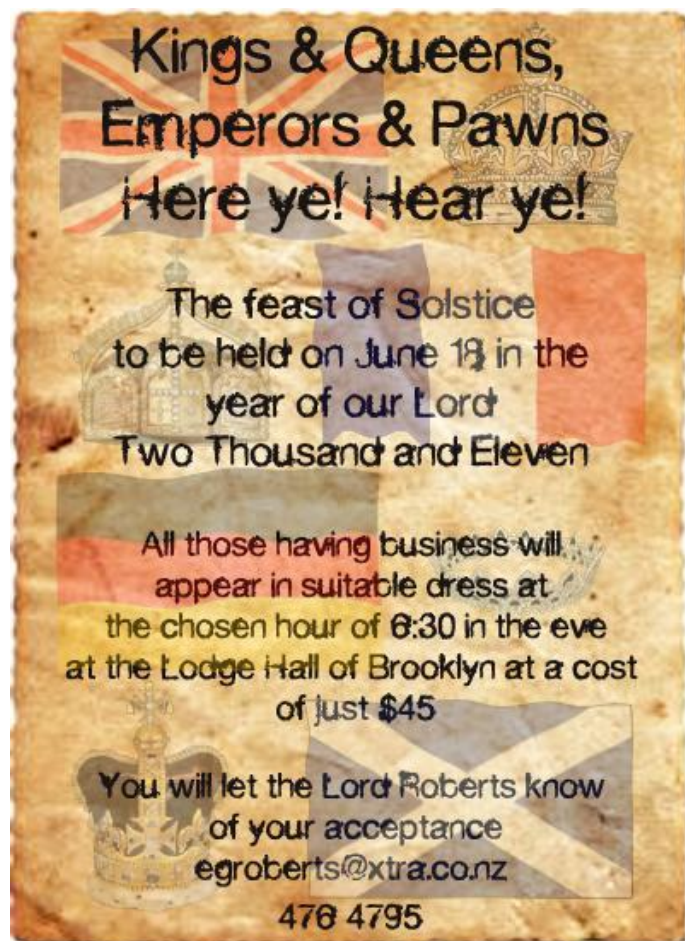
They say sweet things come in small packages and these fruity little nuggets of deliciousness definitely prove that point. The light, fluffy muffin is just the wrapping to a sweet explosion of blueberry jam and smooth Tararua cream cheese. Seriously addictive stuff.

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups self raising flour
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 100 g butter, melted
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 6 tbsps Craig's Blueberry Jam
- 1/4 cup Tararua Cream Cheese

Method

1. Sift the flour and sugar into a bowl and make a well in the centre.
2. Mix egg, milk and vanilla together. Stir in to the dry ingredients with the melted butter and golden syrup.
3. Half fill 12 well greased muffin tins, place a heaped teaspoon Craig's Blueberry Jam and a teaspoon of Tararua Cream Cheese into the centre of each muffin. Carefully cover the jam with the remaining muffin mixture.
4. Bake at 220°C for 12 to 15 minutes, or until well risen, golden and firm to the touch.
5. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes. Serve warm, dusted with icing sugar. - Makes 12



TECH TIPS

SENDING EMAILS TO GROUPS OF PEOPLE USING THE 'BCC' FIELD

When you send an email to a large group of people, it is prudent to use this function to hide email addresses due to privacy. This feature can be turned on in all email clients.

In Outlook XP – 2003 Versions

1. Open a new e-mail message.
2. Click the arrow next to Options to display the Options menu.
3. Click Bcc.

In Outlook 2007

1. Open a new e-mail message, and then click Options.
2. On the Fields area, click Show Bcc.

In Outlook Express

1. Open a new email message
2. Click View on your menu bar and select All Headers

This advice comes from your friendly geek and editor.