

# Homewood Herald

## Report from the Master

### Brethren

Welcome to the November edition of the Homewood herald. Our October "Sharing the Vision" was a great success for all participants involved in the evening. For those of you who missed the meeting please do make a concerted effort to catch up with any of our attendee members and your peers and get their reflection on the evening.

You will find the review on our Homewood web site as well.

I certainly don't need to remind you that The Silly season is just around the corner with some 50 Days to go (at the time of writing this) until December 25. Please enjoy the lead up to Christmas as you plan your respective Family Christmas's with Family and Friends. - Don't worry too much because in 51 Days it will all be over!!

### Family

A very big part of our Family is our Family Boat "Kakapo" she was purchased from her original owner way back in Spring 1978; complete with 18Horsepower Evinrude Motor, Nets Cray pots Fuel tanks and Trailer.



Painted Yellow interior and black and white exterior-exactly the same as you find her today. My father, Bruce found her in the Dominion post out in Miramar and brought her on the spot-much to a very close friends dismay as he was second down the drive way!!

Kakapo is an all wooden boat with solid keel and double diagonal planking along her hull. The Double diagonal planking is laid over each layer at 45 degrees opposite to each other which gives her incredible strength and agility, whilst maintaining a somewhat light weight boat at just over 200Kg (No Motor)

In August 1995 whilst out at the Bach at Smiths Bay (North of Makara Beach) Kakapo went a wondering all on her lonesome, for three days she went adrift around the Cook Strait and it wasn't until after she had been given up as presumably sunk at sea with no one on board (as stated by the Maritime police) that late on the Tuesday Morning following I received a phone call from the same police officer that wreckage had been found between Makara Beach and Ohau Point situated in South western edge of the North Island.

The police believe even to this Day that Kakapo was North of Stephens passage (Northern edge of Cook Strait) on the Sunday night and was well outside the search areas of the Plimmerton Coast Guard and Wellington Maritime police unit. Even on the Monday when we conducted our own aerial Search south of Wellington to The Kiakouras and North to Foxton Beach, she was on her own away way North of us!!

Our Insurers had told us that all reasonable costs relating to the recovery of Kakapo were to be met by them so when I told them about the wreckage being found and told them we needed a helicopter - The Westpac rescue helicopter!!

We flew to the Makara Coast and found all sorts of things washed up on the coastline Fuel cells, Life Jackets, Duck Boards a reel mess. The pilot suggested after we had collected all that remained maybe a quick look up the coast was in order and around the Point Just Before Ohau Bay there, we found our much-loved Kakapo Lying on her right side looking somewhat the worse for her adventure!! She looked as though she was nursing the huge hole in fight side by the way she was supporting her whole weight lying on her left side Outboard Motor was up and (Motor) cover in place and there right up the front still attached to the Bollard was the Mooring rope - the very rope that had failed and given the Kakapo the slip.



I was taken back to Makara Beach where we unloaded all the wreckage we had initially found and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter returned to Ohau Point to try its best to recover the Boat and after a long 40 or so minute wait the helicopter returned with the Kakapo in a sling cruising the Makara sky. You know the New Zealand Kakapo is a flightless native parrot but there was no stopping her from being reunited with her familiar surroundings of the Boat shed at Makara Beach. It really was an unbelievable experience.

She was subsequently repaired out at Seaview and I repainted her inside and out over the Winter/Spring of 1996 and she was relaunched in Early November 1996 with all the fan fare and Bubbles.

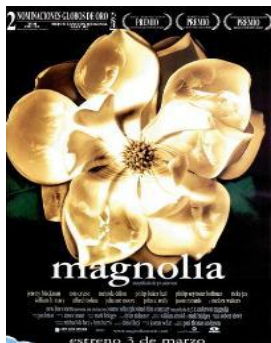
Often described as an extension to my right arm Kakapo remains to this very day an integral part of our water recreation and pleasure craft to the whole of our Family

*Ahdut Coah Hi  
Fraser Stephens  
Worshipful Master*

## New addition to the Homewood Family

The newest addition to the Nicholls family arrived on October 23rd at 11:58pm. He weighed in at 8lb 4oz, that's 3.75kg in the modern world and he was 57cm long. His name is Ethan James Stephen Nicholls and is a healthy happy boy. It was a long time coming and was a game of two halves at the end, New Zealand won on the night with the boy arriving about an hour after the game finished. So there was a good result for all involved on the night all over the country as well as in our delivery room. The room was a circus by the end with happy medical staff and it made for a very late night and very tired parents.

Hadyn and Marion were knackered after the event, but coming right after a bit of time. The boy is settling in at home with some sleepless nights. There has been lots of friends and family support and we would like to thank the members of the Lodge for all the messages of support and the flowers which were very much appreciated.



## Movie review

Truly one of the greatest films made, it is an examination into human psyche and behaviour. Despite the three hours length. It is worth the watch and makes you think about coincidence in a very different way. A film that takes you on a ride through the lives of numerous people who are all linked in some way; some directly and others indirectly. Certainly brings to reality the small size of our wee city and the small degrees of separation we have. This is one of my top films and is getting 5 rounds my scale.



## Masonic History

### Famous Freemason: Duke Ellington

Born Edward Kennedy Ellington April 29<sup>th</sup> 1889 to James and Daisy in Washington DC. Both parents were accomplished pianists, which is where he first developed his talent.

He played in Atlanta, New Jersey at the Harlem Club and went on to Hollywood later on. He produced numerous albums throughout his



career and there are tributes to him in a number of locations around the United States. He also has a star on the Hollywood boulevard.

### Famous Quote

*Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character.*

- Louis L. Williams

**Editor's Piece** – The Rugby World cup is over, apart from the All Blacks nearly losing it again, the country is happy and people are jumping for joy about the result. The poor French team have had a time of it with the IRB getting carried away with fining them for challenging the haka in the final. The actions of the IRB have really brought home the political correctness that many of us thought may have finally gone away around the world – apparantly not. Many are calling for a number of the board to step aside and for a complete overhaul. This would also pave the way for some changes to game rule book, which, if you have ever read it could be likened to reading the 'Tale of Hiawatha', except a lot less interesting. Now we go into the elections in New Zealand which are going to see more rugby games by men in suits, but without the contact.

## Rosslyn Templars

This is a small independent group of Freemasons dedicated to the research of the Rosslyn Chapel. They are interested in showing people the information they have gathered about the Templars and their connection to the chapel. You can read more about their research on their website



[www.rosslyntemplars.org.uk](http://www.rosslyntemplars.org.uk)

## Grand Installations of the Australian Constitutions

Please support our Grand Master MW Bro Cooper as he represents The Grand Lodge of New Zealand - Freemasons New Zealand at the following Grand Installations in Australia in 2012.

### **United Grand Lodge of Victoria : 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in Melbourne**

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria will hold their Grand Installation and associated functions in Melbourne over 22-25 March 2012.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Selwyn Cooper, extends a warm invitation to interested brethren and their ladies to join a New Zealand delegation which he will lead.

Brethren interested in joining the New Zealand delegation are asked to register with Pauline Sutherland at Grand Lodge Office - Phone: (04) 385 5744 or Email: paulines@freemasons.co.nz

The registration forms are still to be printed but will be forwarded to those registering interest once they arrive at Grand Lodge Office.

### **Grand Lodge of South Australia & Northern Territory: 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 in Adelaide**

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### **Grand Lodge of Western Australia : November 2012 in Perth**

Let Freemasons New Zealand know if you are interested in joining the New Zealand Contingent to these Grand Installations



#### **From Reel to Reality!**

#### **Freemasons New Zealand and The Royal Society of New Zealand**

#### **A new and exciting Relationship.**

Our relationship, which has been in place since 2003 originally with the Freemasons Big Science Adventures and latterly with Freemasons Reel Science Film Festival (both were Scientific Film Competitions). Has now matured and developed into something akin to The Freemasons University Scholarships but for High School aged students. Moving our sponsorship from Reel to Reality!

As Freemasons in New Zealand we continue to support the "liberal arts and sciences" through this wonderful programme. Initially to be called the Freemasons New Zealand Science Travel Award with the goal of contributing towards the costs of enabling bright young Kiwis who might be in need to attend Scientific Events and is being funded by The Freemasons Charity.

Amongst our young Kiwi Scientists of today is there a Sir Ernest Rutherford, an Alan MacDiarmid, a Beatrice Tinsley or a Sir William Pickering, with a piece of number eight wire, just waiting to take the world by storm and all thanks to a helping hand from the Freemasons.

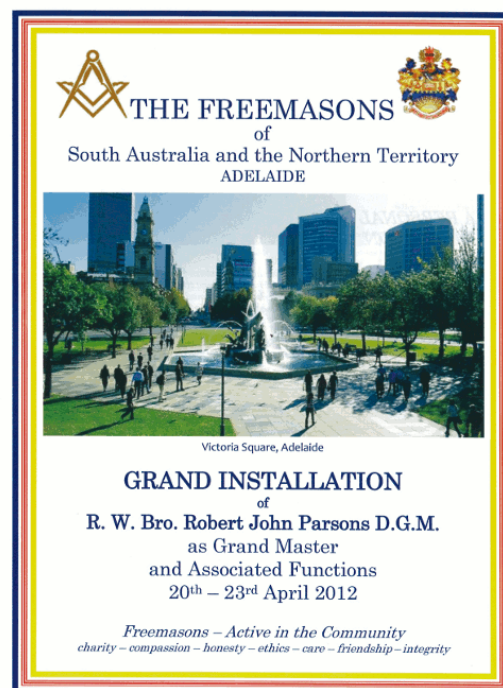
The Freemasons New Zealand Science Travel Award will be a practical way of putting young Kiwi Scientists in need in touch with their peers and those that they might admire scientifically.

A competition worth \$2500.00 to find a more suitable name from amongst all the High Schools in New Zealand will be run and this in turn will also help with the promotion of this new Scheme throughout the country. <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/competitions/>

We will also get an opportunity to meet these talented individuals at our Divisional Conferences or at a Lodge Meetings. - Full details of the Programme will soon be on The Freemasons Charity Website.

<http://www.freemasons.co.nz/charity/>

**Freemasons assisting in making scientific endeavours a reality**



## Social Programme

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Dinner

## Lodge Meetings

November 24<sup>th</sup> • 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

## Recipe – Chicken Korma

### Ingredients:

1.kg Chicken breast or mini breast fillets  
1 heaped tablespoon of finely grated fresh ginger  
3 cloves of garlic, minced  
150g thick (plain) yogurt  
1 dried red chilli  
2 finely chopped onions  
1 tbsp ghee or veg. oil  
1 tbsp ground coriander  
Pinch of ground black pepper  
1 tsp turmeric  
1 tsp garam masala  
water  
75g creamed coconut  
salt, to taste  
2 heaped tbsps ground almonds  
finely chopped Coriander Leaves, to garnish  
juice of 1/2 lemon

### Instructions:

1. Cut the chicken breasts into bite sized chunks
2. Mix the chicken with the ginger, garlic and yogurt. Cover and marinade for 12 hours or in the fridge overnight.
3. Liquidise the chopped onion and red chillies, add a little water if you need to. blend til smooth.
4. Heat the ghee/oil in a pan.
5. Add the ground coriander, ground black pepper, turmeric and garam masala and stir fry for about 1-minute over a low heat.
6. Turn up the heat, add the onion and chilli paste and stir fry for 10-minutes.
7. Add the chicken and the marinade and continue to stir fry for another 10-minutes.
8. Add the creamed coconut and enough water to \*just\* cover the chicken and bring to the boil, stirring until the coconut is dissolved. Stir in the ground almonds.
9. Reduce heat to low, cover the pan and simmer until the chicken is tender (30-40 minutes).
10. Remove from heat, add lemon juice and salt to taste. Mix well.



**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)**



Lodge Homewood & Herbert Teagle  
Invite you to dinner



The entertainment will be the  
fantastic voice of Sarah Whitaker



Cost per adult is \$50 and \$20 per child  
includes pre-food, full Christmas Dinner

Please advise Hadyn Nicholls

[lodge@hadyn.co.nz](mailto:lodge@hadyn.co.nz)

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by November 26th



## TECH TIPS

### What laptop do I buy?

There is so much choice out there, so I am going to give you few pointers.

**Money** – very simply put, if you have the cash, buy a business model of laptop, preferably, Toshiba, HP or Lenovo. Spend more and you will get a better machine.

**The Look** – you could look at those shiny screen laptops, but remember, if you have a light near it, the screen will reflect the light and this will become annoying or even give you a headache, likewise the keys can be hard to see if there is light glare.

**Size** - there are three factors in size, one is the physical size. If you are primarily using at your home device, then one with a bigger 17 inch screen may be the way to go. For portability, you need to have a smaller laptop as a large one can be too heavy.

The next is memory (RAM) and hard drive size, you shouldn't need to worry about these as most modern laptops have around the same amount of RAM and Hard Drive space.

**Operating System** – Aside from MAC, Windows 7 is the way to go. There are several versions of this and Windows 7 Professional is the best option if possible. Also check it is the 64bit version as this will use all the RAM installed, whereas 32bit will only ever use 3GB.