

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Brethren

Welcome to the Homewood Herald, this is my first contribution to this publication so I am going to treat this contribution as a bottle of my finest Home brew Wine. The further down the bottle I get the better the wine will be!!

On Thursday 25 August, Lodge Homewood bestowed a huge honour on me by installing me as their new Master, a night that will not be forgotten in a very long time - believe you me.

To have such support not only from Lodge Homewood but also from Visiting Brethren,

- My Dad – Bruce Stephens of Lodge Te Puke, address to the Master was just simply superb,
- My Uncle Bruce Scott from Rotorua, working tools,
- Alastair Campbell from Nelson,
- Our Grand Master Most WBro Cooper in attendance,
- a special mention to Very WBro Jack Warren as the installing Master,
- and of course Bob Hancock from Takaka.

A big thank you to you all for the evening.

To have my Dad complete the address to the Master simply set the lodge room a buzz with compliments - Thanks Dad!!

In each of the future Homewood Heralds' I will tell you a little bit more about who your new Master is.

For the first part:

Family

I have a Twin Brother Iain. Iain Resides in Auckland with his wife and two Girls

I am one of five siblings

My Dad and Mum, Bruce and Marie, live in Te Puke.

My Interests and hobbies, I love to complete home improvement projects.

I enjoy gardening - planting vegetables and roses on my large section.

Cooking - I've seen on more than one occasion every bowl, pan and saucepan being used in the kitchen!!

My Vision for Homewood

To challenge oneself and in turn challenge the Lodge and the Craft. We have to make do with what we have at the present moment and build on this.

Visiting

I have been to two installations in recent weeks; the first was Lodge Te Puni Installation of Paul Mansfield which was well attended and a most enjoyable evening.



Westminster Lodge Installation of Tony Fryer, which also proved to be a most enjoyable evening.

Future Visits

Thurs 15th 2nd Degree Bro Yniesta at Trentham (8:00pm)

Tues 27 Empire Fergusson have a 1st degree - T Heijdenri at Brooklyn (7:00pm)

Friday 7 October To Nelson then onto Takaka for W Bro Bob Hancock's Installation Saturday 8 October, please let me know if you wish to come along to this.

On Thurs 22nd Lodge Homewood has Standing Committee and rehearsal at 7pm, I encourage all Master Masons to attend Standing committee, you are most welcome to take part.

Wednesday 28th Lodge set up and FULL REHERSAL to follow.

Ahdut Coah Hi

Fraser Stephens
Worshipful Master

The Masonic Villages Trust

In 1960, many years of hard work by brethren who belonged to what was then known as the Wellington Provincial District, culminated with the formation of a Trust which had the purpose of providing care and accommodation for elderly and disabled persons.

In the intervening 50 years, organisational change and evolution has seen the Wellington Provincial District now become the Districts of Kapiti-Wellington and Hutt-Wairarapa, and the Trust is now known as The Masonic Villages Trust. But one thing that has not changed is the central tenet of care for the people infirmed by age or disability.

At its inception, the Trust drew wide support from the Lodges within its area of operation. At its peak, membership numbered more than 500 brethren and many of our current facilities and grounds are due to the thousands of volunteer hours put in by supporting Lodges.

Whilst it is no longer practical to expect grounds maintenance or similar activities to be undertaken by Trust members, support by Lodges and brethren for the Trust's work is still vital.

Firstly, Trust membership has declined as members have passed away. With membership now below 200, we would like Lodge members who are not members of this Trust to consider sustaining our work by joining. Annual membership is \$20.00, and additional support through donations or assistance in funding needed items of equipment is occasionally sought. Benefits of membership include supporting, in a tangible way, the frail elderly of our society, receiving the Trust's annual report and regular updates.

Secondly, the Trust would like Lodges to support our work. We believe the care we provide in our rest homes and hospitals, and the range of housing we offer in the Masonic Villages is a very visible sign within your communities of Masonic charity at work. We have a constant need for a range of equipment such as electric beds, wheel chairs and nursing equipment.

You are encouraged to consider a \$20 membership to the trust to help support them in their ongoing efforts, please see the Homewood's Secretary for more information.

Installation 2011

The installation of Fraser Stephens into the chair was a fantastic evening, it was an A list group who attended. There was of course Fraser and his father, Bruce, Bob Hancock and Mike Edmonds joined us from out of town.

A major highlight was having our Grand Master Selwyn Cooper, who is a former member of our Lodge from around ten years ago, he enjoyed himself so much, he was one of the last to leave.



Pictured: Steve Salmon, Jack Warren, Bruce Stephens, Fraser Stephens, Selwyn Cooper

We had a number of Masters in attendance also, some of them are a regular occurrence at our meetings and may be getting a membership form.

Our friends from Zetland and Herbert Teagle did a great job with stewarding and we are eternally grateful for the relationship our Lodges have with each other.

Fraser advised of the Makara planning evening which will be on September 10th. He did assure the crowd gathered at installation we do actually plan things.

It was a great night having so many old faces back in the lodge room and many of us are happy to finally see Fraser in the chair.

As usual the food was outstanding and Fraser had even brought along crayfish for the evening, which we are sure he will repeat (we hope).

It became a late night, but was a most enjoyable one and there have been many commneting on the delightful time they had. I am sure there we are a few tired people at work the next day, I know the editor was one of them.



Movie review - Tangiwai

In case anyone missed this on Television, it is part of the New Zealand season on Sunday Theatre. This follows the love story of a young couple who end up in one of the worst situations one can imagine.

The cinematography in this is brilliant and has a local flavour, with parts being filmed in Makara and Ngaio. It would be good to see something of the same magnitude being made about the SS Penguin. I hope to have a copy of this in my hands by the time this is printed, so if you wish to borrow it, please let me know. Only film that I can give five rounds.



Masonic History The Oldest Lodge?

There is some debate over which Lodge is the oldest in the world, one that has claim to this is the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1, Edinburgh, Scotland. It holds the oldest known minutes from July 31st 1599. It meets on 19 Hill street in Edinburgh. It's competition to this claim is the Mother Kilwinning No.0.

These are arguments which from research cannot give a proper answer. Either way, they are both 15th century and a lot older than us wee lads in New Zealand and have provided a lot of the ceremony that we do today.



Interior of No.1



Exterior of No.0

Knight's Templar - Installation



WBro Nicholls has taken up the chair (Prior) in the Onslow Priory of the Knights Templar on August 27th for a year. Graham Redman was the Installing Officer for the afternoon. He has been a busy man this week after being at Homewood's Installation also. The Knights Templar can be joined after one is a Royal Arch Mason

Snow in Wellington



For the first time in the lives of a number of our members, we saw snow land in Wellington. It even closed a large number of the schools in Wellington and left several of us unable to get out of our streets. For a bit of history, Wellington has not seen snow like this since 1976. It was quite exciting for some of us to be able to go out and build a snowman or even throw

snowballs. As you can see in the photo to the right, it was a tricky thing, getting around our street that day. Not making it to work meant watching James Bond movies all day, which some would say wasn't too bad.



Claire Street, Ngaio, in the middle of a fairly heavy drop of snow

Editor's Piece - As we are fast approaching the Rugby World Cup, for those who are not overly interested, it is hard to ignore it. One has to wear a blindfold walking around the city if you don't want to see the advertising. The flood of information around the Cup may even put some people off or make us feel blasé about it. We all hope the All Blacks win, but the reality is, if they don't, the country will mope around for a week like someone has just stolen our teddy bear or favourite blankie. So, spare a thought for those who may not be interested, they will be sitting at home watching movies those nights the big games are on. Probably secretly hoping next time they turn on the news it is a success for our boys in Black, others may be feeling sore the next day after games.

Social Programme

December 3rd

Christmas Dinner

Lodge Meetings

September 29th

- 2nd Degree

October 27th

- TBA

Weed Killers – DIY

Water

For the home handyman, weed killers can be expensive and not good for the health. The cheapest option is boiling water, the only problem is going back and forth with the jug each time after boiling it.

Vinegar

An alternative to this is the Vinegar Weed Killer, for each litre of **White vinegar**, add 200ml of soap and a tablespoon of salt. You can experiment with this at different levels to get a the best result.

If you have an old stump that won't die, you can go a bit extreme, by drilling a hole in it and pouring some bleach into it. Be careful as usual with bleach as it may make your clothes a pink colour which may not be all that desirable.

Recipe – Banana Egnog

- 1 Banana
- 1 egg
- 250ml Milk
- 1 tsp Vanilla Essence
- 1 Scoop Vanilla Icecream
- 150ml White Rum (add only for alcohol verion)

Put all the ingredients into a blender and leave it on for a good 30+ seconds
For more than one person, 250ml milk per head.



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



This event has been cancelled due to lack of interest

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.