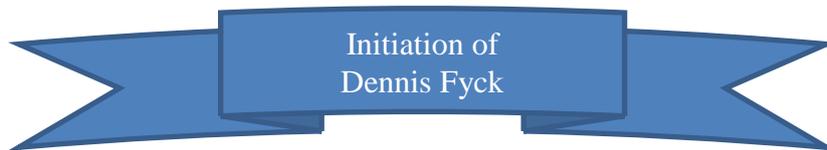


Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Greetings Brethren



Well as my last month in the chair it is fitting to end as I started with an initiation ceremony.

An Initiation ceremony is a special event especially for the candidate but also the lodge. This ceremony is being performed by the Past Masters of our lodge which seems a fitting way to introduce Dennis to Freemasonry as he is about to enter our "Quarry". He starts as a "rough stone" and through freemasonry the rough edges, "superfluous knobs and excrescences" are removed and refined to become a stone "fit for the use in our building".

In addition, we will be recognising the fantastic service that our Brethren have given to Freemasonry by presenting service badges. All in all, a great night for Homewood as we elect our master for the next term.

At present Brother Callum and I are in Basel Switzerland participating in the Basel Tattoo. Weather here is late 20's and generally clear blue skies. First week has been intense with practices during the day and rehearsal of the show at night at the scheduled 9.30pm. Friday was the first official performance with an almost packed and very enthusiastic crowd. There is quite a festival atmosphere here with the streets around the Tattoo venue lined with food and drink stalls which come to life in the evenings before the Tattoo. Today we have a parade through town which I have been warned is 2km long.

Photos below are from Tattoo with one being of the massed bands at the beginning of the Tattoo where we form an anchor while playing nautical theme tunes. We are in the bottom left corner. Brother Callum managed to feature in one of the official photos as well, can you pick him out?



Our return is Tuesday before our regular meeting, just in time. Standing Committee will be chaired by VWBro Metcalfe. WBro Chris Paul Jnr is managing practices so please assist.

Finally, a wee pitch for the Masters Charity "Prostate Cancer Research"
See you all at our meeting

Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
Craig Fraser





Movie Review – Yesterday

If you are a Beatles fan or grew up listening to or even seeing the Beatles in the case of some of our members, this is a must see.

I went along to my usual haunt, the Petone Lighthouse theatre to see this movie and to be honest, wasn't sure what I was walking into. The premise of the film is a world that suddenly loses power briefly and in the process the Beatles cease to exist ever. He is one of the only people left in the world who remembers them. As you can guess from the trailer, he decides to start singing their music and things spiral upwards from there. The humour in the film could only have been pulled off by the genius of Danny Boyle, producer of Slumdog Millionaire.

It is definitely a romantic comedy, and is obviously full of the Beatles music at every turn.

Unfortunately, there were a few holes in the film which left some questions. It is however an entertaining night out and an excellent film to watch. You can the trailer here: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8079248/>

I am going to give this one a 4/5

Snippets from "Simple answers to Leading Questions" (Published by Freemasons NZ)

When did it come to NZ?

Freemasonry came to New Zealand with the early settlers, the first Lodge being formed in 1842, and most towns soon had a Lodge. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand, also known as Freemasons New Zealand, was formed in 1890. The early 1970's saw the peak of New Zealand membership, attributed to an influx of ex-servicemen after World War Two. Today there are 6500 Freemasons in 224 Lodges in New Zealand.

What is a Lodge?

A Lodge is a group of Freemasons usually between 30 and 80 drawn together by location, or interest. Meetings are usually held monthly in a dedicated building for the purpose. The most senior position in the Lodge is the Master who is supported by a group of Officers in running the Lodge and conducting the ceremonies.

What happens in a Lodge?

Meetings have a formal Masonic structure conducting the same administrative business as any club. But uniquely the major part of most meetings is the processing of new members. This is done in a series of ceremonies, all new members experience, to reach full membership and become Master Masons. The ceremonies are the means of teaching the history and principles of Freemasonry. Other matters at meetings include the charity and social activities of the Lodge.

Lodge buildings are clearly apparent in their communities but why do some look so 'closed' and uninviting?

The rituals and most ceremonies are confidential to members and many buildings were built decades ago, when brethren were encouraged to maintain a stricter privacy than is the case now. Masonic building design follows no set architectural style. They vary from the classic stonework and timber of the 19th Century to utilitarian glass and steel of today and all in between.

Can the public visit a Lodge room?

In a word, yes! Although Lodges buildings are private property mainly used by Freemasons for meetings, some Lodges make parts of their premises available to community groups for activities such as health and fitness, dance lessons, and arts and crafts. Occasionally Lodges may hold meetings in their Lodgerooms for those interested in joining Freemasonry.

Benefits of Freemasonry

- **Fellowship** Freemasonry induces a strong bond between members and produces life-long friendships. You will enjoy mixing and working with men of high integrity and strong principle.
- **Benevolence** An essential element of Freemasonry is the care and needs of your Brothers and the whole community. All Freemasons promise to be aware of the needs of those around them.
- **Self-development** A Lodge provides opportunities in organisation management, public speaking and is character-building.
- **Life balance** In the 21st Century life can be hectic and stressful. Freemasonry is seen by many to be an oasis where calm and order prevail, therefore providing a distinct and refreshing channel where a busy man can find diversion and relaxation.
- **Family** Most Lodges offer social programmes providing opportunities for wives and families to widen their social engagement with other families with a common interest.

Recipe-Smoked salmon & poppy seed palmiers



Ingredients

320g sheet puff pastry
1 egg, beaten
1 tbsp poppy seeds
5 tbsp cream cheese
100g smoked salmon
small bunch of chives, snipped

Method

Unroll the pastry and brush one side all over with the beaten egg. Sprinkle over the poppy seeds, then flip over the pastry. Spread the cream cheese over the pastry and top with the smoked salmon, then scatter over the chives. With one of the longer sides facing you, mark a line roughly down the centre, but don't cut all the way through. Tightly roll each end in towards the middle until you reach the centre. Slice into 1cm-thick pieces and place, cut-side up, on a baking tray lined with baking parchment. Chill until ready to bake, or freeze for up to 2 months.

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Bake for 20-25 mins until puffed up and golden brown (if baking from frozen, cook for an extra 5 mins). Leave to cool on a wire rack before packing for your picnic.

Personal thanks from Hadyn Nicholls

I would like to personally thank the Lodge and members for your support over the last month. The very near tragedy with my Cubs was something that hit my Cubs and Leaders hard, including myself. It has affected a lot of what I was doing last monthly including getting out the last Herald and Summons. Thanks to those who provided writing for this – always welcome more.

We have received a great amount of support from all over the country as well as locally and I sincerely appreciate the words of support that have come from the Lodge. This comes under the Fellowship heading above and can only be thankful of the friendships I have within the Lodge.

The Beginner

Rudyard Kipling

*Lo! What is this that I make -- sudden, supreme,
unrehearsed --
This that my clutch in the crowd pressed at a
venture has raised?
Forward and onward I sprang when I thought (as I
ought) I reversed,
And a cab like martagon opes and I sit in the
wreckage dazed.*

*And someone is taking my name, and the driver is
rending the air
With cries for my blood and my gold, and a
snickering news-boy brings
My cap, wheel-pashed from the kerb. I must run her
home for repair,
Where she leers with her bonnet awry--flat on the
nether springs!*



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