

Homewood Herald

Greetings Brethren

Our May meeting was a wonderful third degree working for Bro David Barnes. Despite a few last-minute complications (Murphy's law - it always happens!), the evening went very well and I am so pleased that we were able to make it a night to remember for David. You only do the third degree once in your lifetime, and I trust that David will always have fond memories of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

At our June meeting we originally intended to explore some of the themes in the third degree, but there has been a change of plan. As I mentioned to Brethren earlier this year, it is now time to hear a proposal from the people at the Wellesley to invest our money in the building. No doubt this will be a very complex discussion and I do not expect us to make a decision in June. There will be many complex factors that we will need to consider. Please try to make every effort possible to attend the meeting as the eventual outcome could be a significant moment for Lodge Homewood. We will end the meeting at 8pm and go to refectory for a presentation from a young man whom we sponsored earlier this year on an Outward Bound course. Further discussions on the Wellesley proposal will follow at a later date.



Bro Frank Hyatt will be contacting you shortly about our mid-winter dinner at the Flying Burrito Brothers on Saturday, 24 June. We've been there a few times, and the food is very good and filling. However, I'm obliged to say that it's the second-best venue for Mexican food in Wellington given that I have a Mexican wife and the best place in New Zealand for Mexican food is, of course, my own home.

*A reminder about contributions for the Homewood Herald: this is **your** magazine, so feel free to share your thoughts about a film you've seen, a book you've read, a restaurant where you've dined, or a place you've visited. All contributions about Masonic or non-Masonic matters are welcome.*

On a related matter, we're exploring the use of social media to attract new people to our Lodge. Facebook advertising has been used successfully in other lodges. We're exploring some ideas at the moment, and may perhaps make a few short videos. Stay tuned.

*Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
David Ryan*

Movie Review – Lion



Lion is a simply wonderful tear-jerker that has recently come out at the movies. It's a story about a 5-year-old Indian boy who lives in a poor village. One day he is at the train station with his older brother and he gets lost. He hops on a train and finds himself in a big, strange city. He has no idea where he's from or how he can return to his home village. He can't even speak the local dialect. He is sent to an orphanage and shortly afterwards he is adopted by an Australian couple and goes to live in Tasmania.

About 20 years later he has become a typical Australian, even with the accent. While at university he visits the home of an Indian couple and, all of a sudden, his childhood memories come back to him and he is determined to find his family in India. Luckily, he has a vague memory of the name of his home town and some of its distinguishing features. He spends hours researching the map of India and old train timetables to work out where his home town could be. As all movies must have a happy ending, he is finally reunited with his family.

This is a superb feel-good movie. What makes it even better is that it's a true story. I promise that you'll be crying with happiness by the end of the movie.

I give this movie almost five out of five stars.

WBro David Ryan

Homewood on the Web

Lodge Homewood has launched a brand new Facebook page. This is to make us more visible in the electronic world and it gives us an excellent social media presence.

For those who use Facebook, all you have to do is like it or add photos to it when you have been out and about with members or are up to something interesting. If you have something you would like to add and are not sure how to do this, please ask the secretary. Below is a snapshot of part of the page. We invite you to go and have a look. <https://www.facebook.com/homewood447/>



Promotion of our Lodge through this medium is essential to keep us relevant and current with the direction the world is moving. The page is moderated to avoid anything unnecessary getting onto it.

Recipe – Moroccan Chicken



Ingredients

- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast meat - cubed
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger root
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup canned chickpeas, drained 1 zucchini, sliced

Method

1. Season chicken with salt and brown in a large saucepan over medium heat until almost cooked through. Remove chicken from pan and set aside.
2. Saute onion, garlic, carrots and celery in same pan. When tender, stir in ginger, paprika, cumin, oregano, cayenne pepper and turmeric; stir fry for about 1 minute, then mix in broth and tomatoes. Return chicken to pan, reduce heat to low and simmer for about 10 minutes.
3. Add chickpeas and zucchini to pan and bring to simmering once again; cover pan and cook for about 15 minutes, or until zucchini is cooked through and tender. Stir in lemon juice and serve.

Next Regular Meeting

29 June – financial proposal from the Wellesley

FEDS Dinners



Flying Burrito Brothers
Cnr of Vivian St and
Cuba St
6pm, Saturday, 24
June

From – Order in the House *Greg Goding*

Successful businesses realise the immense expense involved in constantly trying to bring in new customers compared with the almost negligible cost in "looking after" that existing customer. They also share the view that there is nothing better than **POSITIVE WORD OF MOUTH ADVERTISING**.

- It costs nothing.
- Your existing customers sell your product for you.
- You have to do little to justify the price or quality of the product.
- Customers who feel well cared for are pleased to return the favour.
- They tend to actively seek out your new customer to simply thank you.

An interesting fact is that it is extremely rare to see an advertising agency actually advertising their own business and products – they rely on word of mouth advertising.

Another major factor in all successful businesses is **PERSISTENCE**.

For those who read autobiographies of people such as Nelson Mandela or Sir Edmund Hillary or if you listen to inspirational speeches from throughout history, it becomes blatantly obvious that there is always a common theme. In every great life story – in every great motivating speech is the word **PERSISTENCE**.

They all have an underlying attitude and that is "they would prevail, whatever the odds, whatever the situation."