

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Brethren,

Our meeting at the end of October was well attended but a tour de force. This was our first second degree in quite a while and I was extremely pleased with the way it went and the quality of our ritual. It was a fitting ceremony for Bro David Barnes who has been making a very positive contribution to the life of our Lodge since his initiation earlier this year and merited a great evening. Thanks to all the officers involved.

November is quite a busy month with several Lodge meetings across the district that I would like to attend along with Homewood Brethren. There is also the Grand Installation at the TSB Arena on Saturday, 19 November which everyone is encouraged to attend - partners are also welcome. W Bro Secretary will send out e-mails about upcoming visits.

Our meeting on 24 November will have an educational flavour. There are so many mysteries and little-known facts about our Craft that I'm keen to bring to light: 'What does this mean?' 'Why do we do that?' etc. Hopefully we'll all be a bit wiser by the end of the month. There will be no need for a rehearsal in November. However, please do try to attend our Standing Committee meeting on 17 November, starting with drinks in the downstairs bar at 5:30pm.

Looking further out

For February I would like to start the year with a dinner with our family members and a presentation on operative masonry and cathedrals. This has been a passion of mine for decades, well before my introduction into Freemasonry. I will aim to show the links between the functions of an operative mason and the symbology in Freemasonry.

For March, Bro Jonathan Eames will be passed to the second degree and, in April, we will have our Empty Chair meeting on ANZAC Day at Trentham.

Social programme

We had a good turn-out for our FEDS dinner at the Green Parrot at the end of October. Thanks to Bro Frank Hyatt for organising another fine dinner at a Wellington institution.

Our Christmas function has been booked at the Wellesley for the evening of Saturday, 10 December. Frank will contact you later to see who is able to attend. Next year Frank and Wynn have invited us back to their home at Waikanae Beach on Sunday, 12 February, for a BBQ and an afternoon of petanque. When I last went with my family it was a very sunny and enjoyable afternoon of great food and fine wine.



*Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
David Ryan*



Movie Review - The Hunt for The Wilderpeople

The Hunt for The Wilder People is a movie I highly recommend to my fellow North Americans. It embodies the parts of the NZ culture and spirit that I love. Heck (Sam Neill) is an outdoor man, a hunter, and self-sufficient in a manner that is admirable to us North American urban dwellers. His interaction with his 13-year-old foster kid, Ricky, leads to several humorous situations as they become fugitives, and Heck slowly reveals a more empathetic side to his character.

The empathy and community minded nature of NZ is on display through the willingness of Heck and his wife to take Ricky into their home, and the other do-gooders Ricky finds along the way. Of course, NZ scenery is always on display in movies filmed here and The Hunt for the Wilder People is no exception. All in all, it's a cute adventure film, and definitely worth your time!

By Gordon Tank

Famous Freemason – Simon Lake

Simon Lake, distinguished marine engineer, played a major part in the development of the submarine as a practical device. "PERHAPS no man in the past century has had as much to do with the shape of history as Simon Lake. That statement is intended as a query rather than as a statement of fact. It may be debatable, but it is also defensible."

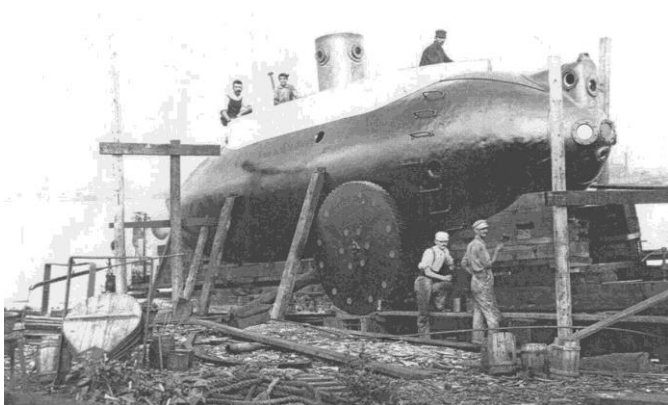
Simon Lake was born in Pleasantville, N.J., September 4, 1866, the son of Christopher J. Lake whose father was the Honourable Simon Lake, one of the founders of Atlantic City and Ocean City, New Jersey. The Honourable Simon Lake and his brothers built the first highway and bridge to Atlantic City and were instrumental in having the first railroads established to both cities. Simon was a descendant of John Lake, one of the patentees and founders of Gravesend, now South Brooklyn, N.Y., and in the maternal line from Jeremy Adams, who settled in Cambridge, Mass., 1632, was one of the founders of Hartford, Conn. Simon Lake was educated in the High School of Toms River, N.J., Clinton Liberal Institute, Fort Plain, N.Y., and in the Mechanical Course at Franklin Institute, Philadelphia. He entered his father's foundry and machine shop in NJ in 1883, and later became his partner. He invented a steering gear, dredge and other vessel appliances, of which many were built, and were chiefly used by fishing and oyster vessels in the Chesapeake and Delaware bays.

Inspired by Jules Verne's, *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea*, Simon Lake designed and submitted plans to the Navy in 1892. In 1894 he built his first experimental submarine, "The Argonaut, Jr.," that was successfully demonstrated in at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey by Sandy Hook. The success led to the formation of the Lake Submarine Company of New Jersey in 1895, which built the Argonaut, the first submarine to operate successfully in the open sea in 1898, and which subsequently drew a congratulatory telegram from Jules Verne. In 1901, The Lake Torpedo

Boat Company was formed in New Jersey, which became the main company that built numerous submarines for the United States and foreign countries. Simon Lake served as president and general manager until 1916, and then vice-president and consulting engineer.

He developed his invention to great perfection, especially his submarine torpedo boats, but he also predicted for the submarine a valuable place in commercial transportation, location of sunken ships and cargoes, successful navigation of Northern waters, reaching the Orient in the summer season by the Northern route above Russia from England north

of Russia to Japan, by submarine ship, which can readily under-run the few ice flows that would be encountered near the shores in the summer season. Other ice-bound waters, such as the Baltic Sea, the Great Lakes, etc., could be used, even in closed seasons, by cargo-carrying submarines. He predicts wide use of the submarine in the cultivation and recovery of oysters and other edible shellfish, pearl and sponge fisheries, new and more efficient methods of charting and improving



waterways, etc.

Founded, 1917, he was president of The Housatonic Shipbuilding Company, which is built vessels for the United States Shipping Board; president of The Merchant Submarine Company and The Lake Heat Engine Company, which has built two very successful experimental heavy oil reversible internal combustion engines (diesel). He was also treasurer of The Argonaut Salvage Corporation, organized to build and equip submarine vessels to use Mr. Lake's inventions for location and recovery of sunken vessels and cargoes.

Simon Lake was a member of the Institution of Naval Architects of Great Britain, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, The Society of Mechanical Engineers, The Concrete Institute; associate member of the Naval Engineers, Washington, D.C.; honorary member National Institute of Inventors; member of the Engineers' Club, New York City; Algonquin and Black Rock Country Clubs, Bridgeport; Patriots and Founders of America, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, the Masons and Knights of Pythias.

Simon Lake is credited with the development of the basic submarine technologies which are essential for safe and successful operation of the submarine; such as, even-keel hydroplanes, ballast tanks, divers' compartment, periscope, twin-hull design, and much more. No modern submarine could operate today without using the advancements made by Simon Lake, and which were adopted worldwide by the early 1900's. He achieved over 200 patents in his lifetime.

Masonic Hotel – Napier

Art Deco Masonic Hotel has recently undergone a major interior refurbishment which has seen the establishment of Emporium Eatery & Bar and renovations to all 42 accommodation rooms. This achievement was recognised at the 2014 Hospitality New Zealand Awards for Excellence, where the hotel won Best New/Redeveloped Accommodation Hotel.

The hotel has a colourful history, which we like to embrace by offering genuine Art Deco flair to our guests' experiences here in Napier. The first Masonic Hotel was opened on the present site by Proprietor Joseph Gill on 14th September 1861. In 1875 the hotel was extended to cover the complete section, the proprietor at this time was Mr A Dalziell.

On May 23 1896 Masonic Hotel was destroyed by fire. The fire bell was not rung until 15 minutes after the fire started, a little after 10pm, even though the fire station was within 100 feet of the front of the hotel. Tenders were called for within a month of the fire and the Masonic was rebuilt in 1897 by Mr C Fleming McDonald in what was to become the grandest hotel in Napier. The architect was Mr Stanley Jeffreys. The building was originally three storeys with a single storey building alongside housing the stables and in 1906 a two storey extension was added. The extension had a promenade roof with an area of 18,000 square feet. It was one of the largest and most elaborate, up to date hotels in New Zealand at that time. In the 1931 Hawke's Bay Earthquake the Masonic Hotel was destroyed, mainly by the fire that followed rather than by the earthquake itself. There were two main earthquakes thirty seconds apart with the biggest reaching 7.9 on the Richter scale. After the earthquake a temporary corrugated iron building was erected to serve the patrons while the new hotel was built. The 1932 Masonic hotel was designed by Wellington architect W J Prowse. It is a simple symmetrical structure, enlivened only by its elaborate upper storey wooden pergola facing the sea and it's conspicuous "MASONIC" in Deco capitals of red lead light in the canopy at the entrance of the hotel.

The exterior structure remains basically unchanged from when it was first built.



Recipe - Chelsea Lamingtons



Ingredients

- 1 plain sponge cake (homemade or store-brought)
- 50g butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons raspberry jelly crystals
- 3 cups Chelsea Icing Sugar
- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 3 cups of desiccated coconut

Method

Cut the sponge cake into approximately 20 small squares.

Mix the jelly crystals and icing sugar together and add boiling water and melted butter. Stir until smooth, adding a little extra water if required, to make a thin, pourable icing. Dip each sponge square into the icing. Sprinkle with the coconut and dry on a piece of baking paper spread on a wire rack.

Serve the lamingtons with fresh raspberries and softly whipped cream or ice cream, if desired.

Tip: use two forks for the rather fiddly job of slipping the sponge into the icing. Sometimes it's easier to pour the icing over the sponge held on a fork; however, practice does make perfect.

Meetings

November 24th

QI Education Night

February 23rd

Family Dinner and Presentation

FEDS Dinners



Social drinks



10th December

Christmas function

Friday 18th

November 5:00pm at

General Practitioner

Presentation of the Pillars

Robbie Burns

Long may this Lodge in prosperity shine
And its members still vie with each other
In spreading the light of our order divine
And relieving the wants of a brother.

May envy and malice ne'er enter that door
That is aye closely tyed to the cowan
But peace, love and harmony aye be in store
More abundant the older you're growing.

May our Master who presides like the Masters
of old

In wisdom excel and astonish
May he never be heard erring brothers to
scold
But with brotherly love aye admonish.

May our Warden in the West, like the sun's
setting rays

Illumine the golden horizon
May his strength never fail with the burden of
days

But increase every moment that flies on.

And to our Warden in the South, like the
beauty of day

May he gladden the worn, tired and weary
Inspire with his smiles as they rest by the
way

The toilers, and make them feel cheery.

And to you whom our Master is honoured to
rule and instruct

Be ye always sober and steady
Expert in the use of each working tool
And aye hae them handy and ready.

Thus will the Temple we seek to upraise
Be completed when all do their duty
And our voices unite in a chorus of praise
To Wisdom, to Strength and to Beauty