

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Brethren,

It was pleasing to see a good turn-out at our September meeting, including family members. For those who missed it, White Ribbon (www.whiteribbon.org.nz) is a campaign to eliminate men's violence towards women. The presenter, a former police officer who has 'seen it all', gave an extremely informative talk. What stuck in my mind was the following example that he gave: a young man got his girlfriend drunk, took advantage of her, bragged to his mates, and they then went to the bedroom to do the same. No apologies for the blunt message – that's the way it is, and it's not acceptable! Think of your daughters, grand-daughters, and nieces. They may be safe in the protection of the family home, but consider what could happen to them once they leave home to go to university, flatting, or travel. That's why we need to support White Ribbon, to look out for the interests of our loved ones and all women in New Zealand. Unfortunately, our country has a dark culture of abuse towards the vulnerable.



There are many upcoming highlights over the next month. Firstly, David Barnes will be going through his second degree at our October member. David has been a very keen member of the Lodge since his initiation earlier this year, and I want to ensure that his second degree working is of a high standard.

For those who can make it, Lodge Windsor will have a second degree working on Tuesday, 18 October (refectory at 6pm, tiling at 7pm). As it has been a while since we last did a second degree at Homewood, this will be a good opportunity to remind ourselves how it's done.

Another highlight is the FEDS dinner on Saturday, 29 October, at the Green Parrot, a Wellington institution. My family and I are definitely looking forward to it, and thanks once again to Bro Frank Hyatt for organising these dinners. Please also note in your diaries our Christmas dinner on the evening of Saturday, 10 December (venue to be confirmed).

Enjoy the wonderful warmer evenings

*Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
David Ryan*



Movie Review - The Immigrant

The Immigrant is the story of two Polish sisters who arrive in New York in the 1920s. One sister, Ewa, is let through while the other is detained on Ellis Island due to a lung infection. It is then up to Ewa to raise money to pay for her sister's care in the hope that she'll recover and will be let through. Ewa is immediately 'befriended' by a local who takes pity on her and gives her a job, which unfortunately ends up being prostitution.

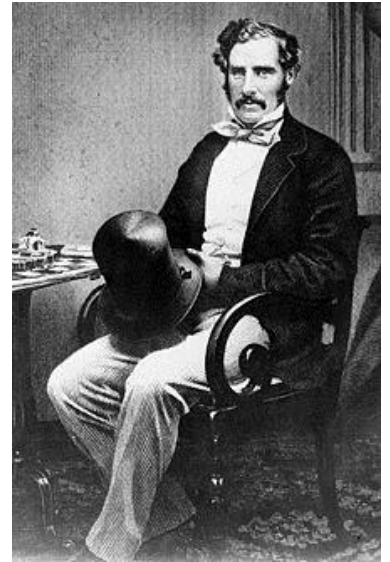
As my wife and I were flicking through Apple TV looking for a film to watch one rainy weekend, we chose this film as we're planning a trip to New York in December and thought it would be interesting background. Also, the lead actress is Marion Cotillard who has been

associated recently with Brad Pitt in speculation about his divorce. Unfortunately, this movie deserves just one out of five stars. The story line is very basic: girl needs money and people take advantage of her, while the ending, which I won't give away, comes as no surprise. The only redeeming feature of this movie is that it portrays the situation likely faced by millions of immigrants in the United States in the early 1900s: as they arrive in a strange country where they know no-one and maybe don't speak the language, how do they get by?

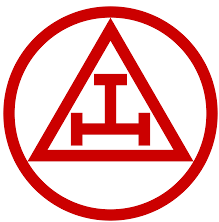
WBro David Ryan

Famous Freemason – Sir George Grey

George Grey (1812 – 1898) was born in Lisbon, Portugal, just days after his father was killed in action at the savage Battle of Badajoz, Spain. Educated in Guildford, Surrey, he became a soldier, explorer, Governor of South Australia, Governor of New Zealand, Governor of Cape Colony (South Africa), and the Premier of New Zealand. A firm but caring individual, and an Anglican, George Grey was one of the most influential figures in the settling of New Zealand during the latter half of the 19th century. He was Governor of New Zealand twice between 1845 and 1868 and, although he had to acquiesce to the wishes of the British Government, Grey attempted to be as reasonable as possible to the Māori people, frequently flaunting the 'rules' in favour of the Māori. He learned to speak Māori and closely studied their culture and beliefs. Indeed, on his death, Grey's collected papers proved to be the largest single repository of Māori-language manuscripts. In 1850, he presented land to found Auckland Grammar School for both settlers' and Māori children. In 1876 he became a MP, representing both Auckland and Thames between 1876 and 1895 and, from 1877 to 1879, was New Zealand's 11th Prime Minister. Ill health forced his return to England in 1894 and he never returned to New Zealand.



So, why join the Royal Arch?



This is a question many Master Masons have no doubt asked. A brief answer would be 'because it completes the Third Degree and as it provides the genuine secrets, following on from the substituted ones, it is an integral part of Freemasonry'. The six degrees, three in the Blue Lodge and three in the Red Lodge, cover the period of the Old Testament up to 70 A.D. The Old Testament tells the story of the rebellion that split the Twelve Tribes of Israel into two Kingdoms. Ten Tribes, also known as the 'Ten Lost Tribes' formed the Northern Kingdom but these disappear after the invasion

by Sargon, the Assyrian King. The two remaining Tribes formed the Kingdom of Judah in the south.

To retain their identity, these two Tribes, now known as the Hebrews, were forced to pay tributes to the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar II. It was following a default in these tributes that Nebuchadnezzar lay siege to Jerusalem, sacked the city, and destroyed the Temple of Solomon, exiling the Hebrews to Babylon. Following the fall of Babylon to the Persians, Cyrus the Great encouraged the Hebrews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the City and the Temple. The Rituals of the Royal Arch follow the return of Master Masons to work on clearing the ground in readiness for the foundations of the Temple and how the genuine secrets were so discovered. As Laurence Dermott said in 1746 'the Royal Arch is the root heart and marrow of Masonry'.



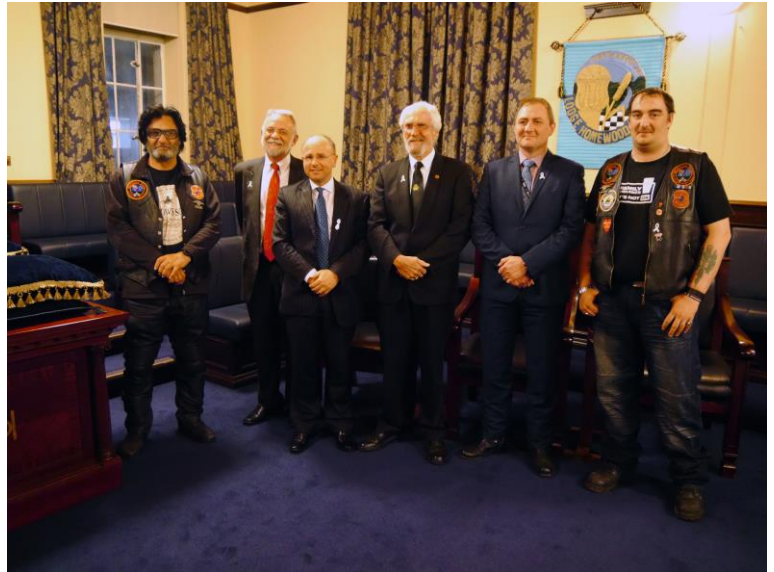
White Ribbon

The White Ribbon ambassador, Jackie Adams, spoke at our last meeting with partners and family along for the evening. The information provided was sobering to hear and certainly gives us all something to think about. The statistics in our beautiful country are just not acceptable and I hope all those who attended can help in some way. The

hardest part is telling someone they need help. Jackie gave a fantastic presentation around how to do this and how we can all speak up when it is needed.

This campaign is a fantastic thing to have in New Zealand and we all really appreciate the work put in by White Ribbon and the likes of the Widow's Sons and the members of the Royal Arch who coordinated the presentation

Pictured from left to right: Bill Shugg PM, Geoff Davies (First Grand Principal of the Royal Arch), David Ryan (WM Lodge Homewood), Ken McQueen (Grand Superintendent of Works of the Royal Arch), Jackie Adams, and Neil McKee (WM Trentham Lodge).



If you would like to purchase a metal white ribbon, you can do so at www.whiteribbon.org.nz and you can also find there many useful tools and information about the campaign.

Editor's comment

A study of Freemasonry is the shortest sentence one can offer after having been in the craft for more than ten years. Does the length of time in the Craft give any member precedence over another? Does being a Past Master? Are our buildings important?

The ritual teaches us that we meet on the level and part on the square, as some must teach, others must submit and obey. It also reads loud and clear that we must act on the level towards others and we have all faltered here somewhere. The humility that comes with going through the chair means we should also realise there is so much to learn. It also means that those who have not are no less important than those who have; many who have not have so much to offer. I have seen a number of these Freemasons treated in a manner that is unbecoming of a Freemason. It has given me pause and even means I have one or two Lodges that I simply cannot visit. The ideas attached to the Goding lecture around 'cringe factor' are simply taken with a grain of salt and disregarded; many just sit back and do nothing, the issues around our buildings in Wellington being a prime example: Freemasons who just don't want to move together united in creating something amazing for Freemasonry in general. Our Lodge buildings are simply bricks and mortar, they do not define Freemasonry, the men define it, the friendships and collegiality. We need to move away from an entrenched defence of our Lodges and move onto Freemasonry. Our individual Lodges are only the portal for us to be part of something bigger and better and to become better men as a result.

The peace and harmony of our order must be a priority, but also must not prevent us from speaking up when we see injustice or that which is wrong. It also means we need to harness this idea to create something that will last the distance and keep going strong. The reality is that some Lodges will close in years to come. We need to work together with ideas and help, but also accept help where it is needed, throw pride to the wind, and realise there is a problem. My own Lodge is a great example of where things work so well and we all just get on with the job and then have time for a beer afterwards. We have spent so much time talking about what is going on, airing grievances to ensure we are not at odds with each other.

Hadyn Nicholls

Crispy fish tacos with mango salsa



Ingredients

400g snapper* fillets
¼ cup flour
1 tsp ground paprika
1 egg, beaten
¾-1 cup panko breadcrumbs
1 fresh mango, peeled and finely chopped
1 fresh red chilli, seeds removed and finely chopped
1 spring onion, chopped
Handful of fresh mint leaves, chopped
Handful of fresh coriander leaves, chopped
Juice from 1 lime
6-8 wholegrain tortillas
2 cups shredded lettuce
Heinz Seriously Good Original Mayonnaise

Method

1. Cut the snapper fillets into strips. Mix the flour and paprika together and season. Dust the fish with seasoned flour. Dip in beaten egg. Coat fish with panko crumbs. Refrigerate while preparing the mango salsa.
2. Mix together prepared mango, chilli, spring onion and herbs. Stir through lime juice. Set aside.
3. Heat a little olive oil in a frying pan. Cook crumbed fish strips in batches over a medium high heat, turning once until golden and cooked. The cooking time will depend on the thickness of the fish.
4. Heat the tortillas according to packet directions.
5. Place shredded lettuce across the centre of a tortilla. Top with crumbed fish. Squeeze over Heinz Seriously Good Mayonnaise. Finish with mango salsa. Wrap to enclose filling. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Serve immediately.

Source - www.foodinminute.co.nz

Meetings

October 27th

Second Degree
David Barnes

November 24th

Qi Education Night

FEDS Dinners



29th October
Green Parrot
10th December
Christmas
function – venue
TBA

Social drinks



There will be a notification sent in the next couple of weeks about the next meet up.

Thanks from Ngaio Scouts!



Over the last few years we have helped many organisations. One of these is the Ngaio Scout Group which is creating a wall of macrocarpa blocks with names engraved on them. As a thanks to the Lodge, we have made one to recognise the help received from Lodge Homewood. This will feature permanently in the hall along with around 150 others.