

# Homewood Herald

## ***Report from the Master***

*Greetings Brethren - for my first time from the East.*

I really enjoyed the Installation ceremony, as many brethren had suggested I would, and I was quite surprised by the working of the Board of Installed Masters, it is really something to recommend any Master Masons to aspire to. I think this is because after you are raised to the third degree you are no longer special; I found that after becoming a Master Mason I was just one of the masses, it was no longer necessary to encourage me to visit other degree workings, and the meetings were no longer about me, but Installation changes that, and it is nice to be the purpose of the meeting again.

The special status of having meetings centred around you is part of the reason why it is nice to have Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Freemasons in attendance at an Installation as they too are special members of a Lodge. So, thank you Dennis and Michael for being part of the evening.

But now that Installation is over the real work begins. Many thanks to WBro Fraser for his leadership over the past two years, I feel that the Lodge is in a good position. Thanks for assisting the Lodge to create a strategic plan – that means my job is simply to execute it!

In the strategic plan we have goals concerning membership, publicity and charity. Our membership is looking promising with both a Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice in the ranks and another referral from our District GM that came through on Installation day too. Just as important though is keeping our current members active and involved. To that end I would like to implement a phone tree so that Brethren are checking in with each other regularly, and to confirm refectory numbers prior to each meeting. We also need to maintain a social schedule, both with events like the JW lunches, and others involving our families.

Publicity is not only through our website and Facebook pages, but also by visiting other Lodges. My first outing as Master will be to Lodge Aquarius on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> for a second degree working performed by the Installed Masters in the District. There are also several other degree workings and a couple of Installations this month – I encourage you all to check out the workings calendar if you haven't already.

Finally, charity – the Masters appeal is for the Karori Sanctuary Trust as they are a local charity, and they manage Zealandia which is somewhere my family enjoy visiting. We realise when visiting other parts of the country how much of a difference they have made to the birdlife around Wellington. Also, if anyone has any other charitable activities for the Lodge to support please let me know.

Next month's meeting will be our QI night with WBro Charles Smith as quizmaster, I hope to see you all there.



*Ahdut Coah Hi  
Worshipful Master  
Mark White*



## A glimpse into the future of Freemasonry

In 2069 the Grand Lodge of New Zealand uploaded a new e-Book of Constitution. Recognising the emergence of new technologies, Grand Lodge finally allowed lodges to meet through holograms. In other words, Brethren could remain in the comfort of their homes and project their holograms (3D images) to a virtual lodge room.

### In a galaxy not too far from here ...

'Bro Secretary, are there any texts or tweets?' "Yes, Worshipful Master. Grand Lodge has tweeted some amended wording for the first degree. The new wording changes are 'The method of scrolling in this degree is by three clicks of the space bar' and 'An Entered Apprentice would rather have his broadband cut off and his Netflix account suspended than improp ... er ... ly dis ... close ...'"

"Bro Secretary, you're cutting out. I told you to upgrade to the new Apple hologram programme rather than use that outdated Windows version. Bro Treasurer, the financial report. And speak loudly. Your connection from the Cayman Islands is not very clear." "Worshipful Master, I propose striking off Brother 1123.45. His dues are in arrears by 38,947 bitcoins."

All of a sudden, the Inner Guard piped up: "Worshipful Master, there is an alarm!". "What do you mean there's an alarm?" enquired the Worshipful Master. "We're in a virtual lodge room, d'oh." "Oh, er, um," replied the Inner Guard. "Sorry, my mistake, that's an alarm here at home. The robot is at my door delivering my pizza from Pisa."

"What's that noise? I hear snoring!" "Oh, sorry," replied the Junior Steward. "I'm actually in bed with my wife. She's snoring." "I can see her naked left breast!" piped up the Senior Steward cheekily. "Oh, do act your age Bro Senior Steward," replied the Worshipful Master. "With those new drugs you're taking, you're no longer a teenager. You're 153. If you don't behave, we'll have to take away your 120-year badge."

"Worshipful Master," said the Director of Ceremonies. "We have a problem. Someone has deleted the files for the working tools for the third degree. I can find the trackpad and the USB cable, but I can't find the file for the power adaptor. I've checked the cloud but it's not there. Can anyone find it?"

"Bro Almoner, your report please." "Worshipful Master, I'm pleased to advise that Bro Junior Warden reports that his latest heart transplant went well. The new bionic version is working well."

"Worshipful Master, Worshipful Master," yelled the Inner Guard with his volume turned up high. "We have an alarm". "Oh, not you again," replied the Worshipful Master, what's the problem this time?" "We're being hacked. Impostors are hacking into our meeting."

"Oh, for goodness sake," said the Worshipful Master. "This is not working. Bro Secretary, do me a favour. Send your drone down to Te Papa please to scan a copy of the 2019 Book of Constitution. Next time we'll meet in a Lodge building, like they did in the old days. I hereby declare this meeting disconnected."

*WBro David Ryan*



### Bank accounts

If you have Lodge Homewood saved as one of your payees in Internet banking, please check that you are using the right account.

**Main Account 030502 0099805 00** - this is used for dues and refectory payments.

**Charitable Trust 031531 0063013 00** you will probably use this only once a year for donations to the Master's Appeal.

## Masonic History - 8 Daniell Street, Newtown

This diminutive timber building at 8 Daniell Street is a good representative example of an early-20th century Masonic Lodge. It is notable for its well-ordered Classical design that features simplified Doric pilasters, a gable roof and pedimented window and door openings.

The hall has had a varied history. It was once the home of a local Masonic Lodge and later the meeting place of the Orange Lodge, and the building's fortunes mirror the waxing and waning of Freemasonry in New Zealand. More recently the building has served as both a youth centre and a health centre, thus demonstrating its adaptability and usefulness as a community building.

The building is a minor landmark on Daniell Street for its prominent location at the pavement's edge, and for its formal design. It stands in contrast to its residential neighbours that have few formal pretensions, and which are, generally, set back behind fences, hedges and garages.

This building was constructed in 1904 as a Masonic Hall and was used for that purpose for much of the 20th century. The owners and builders of the hall were the Lodge Hinemoa of Wellington South.

Eighteen foundations members in Newtown established Lodge Hinemoa in 1901. Initially the Lodge used the old schoolroom of St. Thomas' Church for meetings, but by 1904 membership had increased to the extent that new headquarters were required. The Lodge raised funds within the membership by issuing non-interest-bearing debentures. Land was purchased in Daniell Street, and a member prepared plans for a new building. The builder was A. Robertson. The members provided the furniture and fittings themselves. The hall was officially opened in early October 1904. To reduce the mortgage, the hall was let for weddings and other functions in addition to its primary purpose. The mortgage was paid off by 1919. However, not long after this it became apparent that, once again, the Lodge had outgrown its home and the Hall was sold to 'L.O.L', who had been tenants of the building for some time, in 1922. The source does not make clear what 'L.O.L' stands for – it is possibly a reference to the Orange Lodge. Lodge Hinemoa purchased the Primitive Methodist Church in Donald McLean Street in 1922. They remained there until 1979.

The title for the Hall records the sale of the building to a branch of the Orange Lodge in 1950. This lodge was named after King William of Orange (southern France) and formed in 1795 to support Protestantism in Northern Ireland. The Orange Lodge began in New Zealand in 1840 but the first North Island Grand Lodge was not constituted until 1867. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was formed in 1908. In the 19th century the Newtown branch of the lodge was listed as using premises in various locations.

In 1977 the building was sold by the Lodge to the Wellington Hospital Board and used for storage. In 1978 the Newtown Youth Club Committee, formed the previous year, took possession of the building, which had by then become quite run down. The committee converted the building into a youth centre.

It is not certain how long the centre was in operation but, in 1994, the building was sold to SAI Care, a health group which gives free medical advice to members of the Indian community. They have run an office from the building.

It would appear that few alterations have been made to this building. A kitchen was added in 1929. In 2006 a new mezzanine floor installed (which cuts across the window line), the toilet was upgraded, the basement replaced, and a new shed built. The front façade has lost the freemason symbol and 'Masonic Hall' legend above the pillars on either side of the door.



*Source – Wellington City Council*

## Boiled Pork Belly with Spicy Garlic Dressing



### Ingredients

- 1 pound pork belly
- ½ cup Shaoxing cooking wine
- 1 (2-inch-long) piece of fresh ginger

### Sauce

- 1/3 cup Sichuan Spice Chile Oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 3 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 hothouse cucumber, cut lengthwise into long, thin slices

### Directions

1. Put the pork belly in a pot and add 2 quarts water, the wine and the ginger. Bring the liquid to a boil, then turn the heat down to medium and gently boil the pork belly for 40 minutes, until tender.
2. Combine all the sauce ingredients in a small bowl and mix well.
3. Drain the pork belly and let it cool. When it has cooled somewhat but is still warm to the touch, cut it lengthwise into long 1/16-inch-thick strips. Arrange alternating and overlapping slices of pork and cucumber on a serving plate. Pour the sauce all over the pork and cucumber and serve while still warm or at room temperature.

Source [www.foodrepublic.com](http://www.foodrepublic.com)



Don't forget to visit the Masonic Exchange, the preferred supplier of Masonic goods to Lodge Homewood.

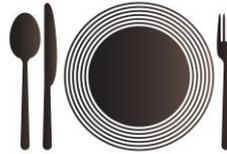
They have everything you want for Lodge, including accessories such as tie clips, cuff links, and anything you can find on the site

[www.masonicexchange.co.nz](http://www.masonicexchange.co.nz)

## Upcoming Meetings

September 26<sup>th</sup> Qi night  
October 31<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

### Junior Warden's Lunch



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### FEDS Dinner



Cosa Nostra  
Tinakori Road 6:30pm

### The Palace – Rudyard Kipling

When I was a King and a Mason -- a Master  
proven and skilled --

I cleared me ground for a Palace such as a King  
should build.

I decreed and dug down to my levels. Presently,  
under the silt,

I came on the wreck of a Palace such as a King  
had built.

There was no worth in the fashion -- there was no  
wit in the plan --

Hither and thither, aimless, the ruined footings  
ran --

Masonry, brute, mishandled, but carven on every  
stone:

"After me cometh a Builder. Tell him, I too have  
known."

Swift to my use in my trenches, where my well-  
planned ground-works grew,

I tumbled his quoins and his ashlar, and cut and  
reset them anew.

Lime I milled of his marbles; burned it, slacked it,  
and spread;

Taking and leaving at pleasure the gifts of the  
humble dead.

Yet I despised not nor gloried; yet, as we  
wrenched them apart,

I read in the razed foundations the heart of that  
builder's heart.

As he had risen and pleaded, so did I understand  
The form of the dream he had followed in the face

of the thing he had planned.

When I was a King and a Mason -- in the open  
noon of my pride,

They sent me a Word from the Darkness. They  
whispered and called me aside.

They said -- "The end is forbidden." They said --  
"Thy use is fulfilled.

"Thy Palace shall stand as that other's -- the spoil  
of a King who shall

build."

I called my men from my trenches, my quarries,  
my wharves, and my sheers.

All I had wrought I abandoned to the faith of the  
faithless years.

Only I cut on the timber -- only I carved on the  
stone:

"After me cometh a Builder. Tell him, I too have  
known!"