



Homewood



Herald



Report from the Master

Greetings Brethren,

It has been an up and down month with lockdowns and all sort going on. As I write this we mourn the loss of HRH Prince Phillip who was a Freemason of the Navy Lodge UGLE.

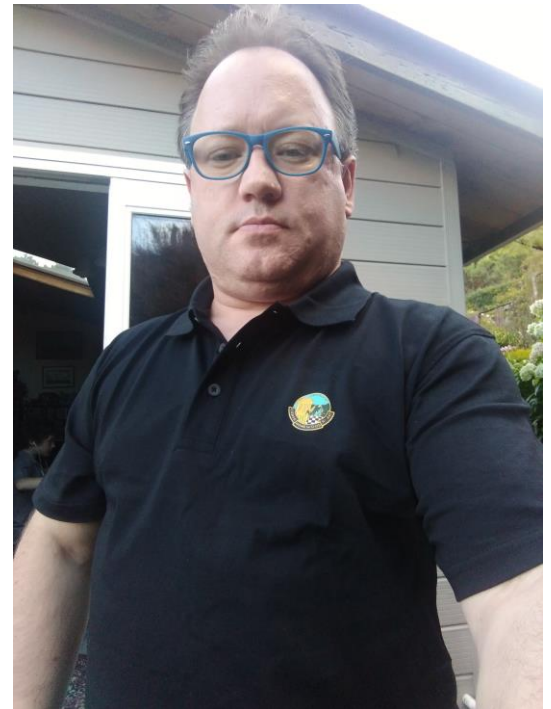
His contribution to youth through the Duke of Edinburgh awards is exemplary. An article is inserted below about him. We have our annual ANZAC ceremony this month, we have been doing this for a few years now and it has been a great success. Please invite friends and family to attend as this will be an open ceremony to the public.

A lot of us are very busy at the moment, seems to be the time for year for it, as school holidays approach.

I find myself going to a funeral for WBro David Barr of the Belmont Albion Lodge, he was like an uncle to me after I lost my father. He attended my first installation in 2009 and my 3rd degree when I started out in Freemasonry. Belmont Albion was the birthplace of the education booklets you see today and David was a major part of that.

I will also be heading to Taupo after this to be on a four day camp with Air Scouts where they will engage in Gliding and flying in a Float plane including doing pre-flight inspection. This should be an entertaining four days and hopefully warm as Taupo can get a wee bit cool at this time of year.

I would like to thank the members of Lodge Homewood for supporting me as Master thus far, we are thin on the ground for work to do so anything you can do to help is very much appreciated. We are hoping to have aa 1st degree before the end of my term and we all need to pitch in and help the Lodge



*Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
HadyN Nicholls*

HRH Prince Phillip 1921-2021

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh started his life in Freemasonry in 1952, at the age of 31. He was initiated into Navy Lodge, No 2612, on 5 December.

On 6 March 1953, HRH Prince Philip progressed to the Second Degree of Freemasonry, before advancing to the Third Degree on 4 May 1953. The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) issued his Grand Lodge Certificate on 7 May that same year and he has remained a member to this day. The Duke of Edinburgh was born in Corfu on 10 June 1921, the only son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg. He therefore also held the title Prince of Greece and Denmark.

Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1939, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Prince Louis, who was Admiral of the Fleet and First Sea Lord. He had a long and successful career in the Navy and rose to the rank of Commander.

Prince Philip was also a qualified pilot and was the first member of the Royal Family ever to fly out of Buckingham Palace in a helicopter.

The Duke of Edinburgh was known to drop into meetings at his Freemasons Lodge almost unannounced. Navy Lodge has a storied past and an amazing roster of luminaries appear upon its membership roll. The Lodge prides itself on being the premier Naval Lodge in the world, with an unparalleled history that includes four monarchs as past members – King Edward VII, King Edward VIII, King George VI and King George II of the Hellenes.

The Duke of Edinburgh was patron or president of some 800 organisations, with special interests in scientific and technological research and development, the encouragement of sport, the welfare of young people, and conservation and the environment.

Freemasons can also count other members of the Royal Family among their number, including HRH the Duke of Kent, who is the longest-serving Grand Master of the UGLE.

As well as members of the Royal Family, Navy Lodge can proudly name three winners of the Victoria Cross among its past and present members; numerous Admirals, Generals, Vice-Admirals and Senior Officers; as well as other notables such as Sir Ernest Shackleton, Robert Scott – known as 'Scott of the Antarctic' – and many more.

Elsewhere, there is also a Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No 1182, Liverpool, which was issued a warrant on 2 July 1867 and was consecrated on 1 August 1867. The Lodge was named after Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, who was then Duke of Edinburgh. He was born on 6 August 1844, the second son of Queen Victoria.

In addition, there is a Duke of Edinburgh Lodge in London, No 1259, which was consecrated on 4 May 1869. The Lodge was also named after Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, who became Duke of Edinburgh in 1866.



His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh
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The Royal Navy Lodge No.621 (now No. 429)

It was founded on 12th October 1835 by recommendation of the Provincial Grand Master of Kent The Hon. William Thomas Eardley Twistleton Fiennes.

There is a local tradition that the original Royal Navy Lodge was formed by personnel of the Royal Navy and that meetings were held aboard a warship stationed in the Downs.

A Lodge No. 282 was constituted at Deal on 8th June 1762 which four years later took the name Royal Navy Lodge. The last initiate was registered at Grand Lodge on 13th October 1810, after which date no more returns were made and erasure took place on the 4th December 1822. The warrant was surrendered and is preserved among the archives of Grand Lodge. No more

information regarding the activities of that Lodge can be obtained. No reference is made in our Lodge minutes to suggest a relationship with any previous Lodge and therefore the only connection

between the two is the name "Royal Navy". In spite of its name at no time did we have a predominant service membership. There is no reference to a naval rank in the list of the petitioners for the warrant and in the decade that 'Bro Robert Gould' and his friends were initiated, the trades of the brethren who were admitted to the craft included Victuallers, Master Mariners, Stationers, Book Makers and Shoe Makers.

In a book entitled 'Prestonian Lecture 1980' Robert Freke Gould Masonic Historian 1836-1915 writes:

"Gould's dairy for the year 1856, preserved in the Library at Freemasons' Hall, is typical of that kept by a young, newly joined soldier of Gould's time – and probably of every other age. There are references to 'subs' from the 'governor' of £20 and £5 from mother and details of the comings and goings of draft records of Lodge meetings attended."

Whilst stationed at the Depot of the 31st Foot at Walmer, Gould was initiated into the Royal Navy Lodge at Ramsgate on 8th December 1855. Fifty years later it was said of him *"His enthusiasm for Masonry at this early stage of his career was evidently of no mean order for he introduced four subalterns to accompany him through the ordeal of initiation the same evening."*

The Royal Navy Lodge has held its meeting in a number of Inns and Taverns including the Cinque Port Arms, Castle Tavern, Woodman Inn, Trafalgar Inn, Rose Inn, Freemasons Tavern and the Royal Hotel.

As time progresses new ideas develop and Freemasonry in Ramsgate flourished. Other lodges had been founded and it was thought that a real masonic home worthy of the order was necessary. The initiative was taken by a body of Masons who formed the "Lewises Corporation" and a building, now known as the Masonic Temple St Lukes Avenue, was purchased. The Royal Navy Lodge was invited to participate in the use of this building and WBro W J Dudlet Worshipful Master and three other PM were successful in completing the necessary arrangements. This was accomplished in January 1912 and since then the Lodge has been holding their meeting here at St Lukes Avenue Ramsgate.

On Monday 28th June 1841 the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Royal Hotel Ramsgate, the programme was:

Provincial Grand Lodge opened at 10:30 am

Lodge formed a procession at 11:00am

The procession entered the Church at 1pm

From Church the procession returned to the Lodge Room

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and solemn prayer at 3pm, after which the brethren sat down to a sumptuous dinner provided by Bro Hiscock (Treasurer). After dinner several toasts were drunk and several songs were song. The Brethren kept it up till 11 o'clock and the greatest harmony prevailed.

The Royal Navy Lodge No 429 celebrated its centenary on 4th November 1935 with a Church Service at the Holy Trinity Church followed by a luncheon at the Granville Hotel Ramsgate. This was then followed by a Lodge meeting where The Deputy Prov Grand Master WBro W F Blay, The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, The Assistant Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Chaplin were in attendance.

The 150th anniversary was celebrated on 6th November 1985, when we were honoured with the presence of The Deputy Provincial Grand Master V Worshipful Bro. Lt. Col Alexander.

On the foundation laid in 1835 the present superstructure has been erected. Time brings changes in all things, but as always, we are taught that Freemasonry toils to make a man better, to refine his thoughts, purify his sympathy and broaden his outlook, for "Even mean self-love becomes by force divine, the scale to measure others wants by thine"



Recipe – Herby Toad in the Hole



Ingredients

140g plain flour
3 eggs
300ml milk
2 tsp Dijon mustard
2 tbsp vegetable oil
8 Cumberland sausages
8 sage leaves
4 rosemary sprigs

Method

Step 1

Heat oven to 240C/220C fan/gas 9. In a food processor, combine the flour, eggs, milk, mustard and some salt and pepper, blitz until smooth, then leave to rest for 30 mins.

Step 2

Pour the oil into a metal roasting tin about 30 x 23cm and 7.5cm deep. Brush the oil all over the sides and bottom, then place in the oven. When the roasting tin is very hot and smoking, place the sausages inside, evenly spread out, and cook for 5 mins.

Step 3

Give the rested batter a stir and pour into the really hot tin – take care as it may spit. Quickly sprinkle over the sage leaves and rosemary, then place in the middle of the oven. Do not open the door for 25 mins, then check – if needed, cook for a further 5-10 mins. Cook until puffed up and brown and the batter is completely cooked through. Serve straight from the dish.

Brotherly Love

Distinctions between us are great and we should endeavour to help and assist a brother should he make a mistake or err.

We should never push a brother to the point he decides leaving is a better option.

We must ensure no brother is brought to an ebb that he would cause harm to himself or others. To assail a brothers character without due regard is the lowest point to which we can, to not afford the scales of equal balance between two members is an unjust method.

- Anonymous

Heart Foundation NZ

Every day, we connect with communities across the country providing much needed support, care and advice to people and their families affected by heart disease.

Each year, we fund around \$1.5 million of leading-edge research and specialist cardiologist training and it is all thanks to you. Our education and prevention programmes tackle heart disease head-on in the community, wherever it is needed most. The work that we do with young children creates a foundation for keeping hearts healthy into the future.

Our dedication and commitment to tackling heart disease drives everything we do.



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