

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Greetings Brethren,

Hooray, we have all made it through the various levels of Covid-19 lockdown as are now able to resume lodge meetings.

Since this has been a time of health-imposed isolation for us all I am sure that many of you are keen to reconnect with our Brethren, and also others outside your bubble. As such the next few meetings will be focussed on socialising and fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on 25 June where our District Grand Master will present Bro Saggars with his Master Masons certificate and then we will retire to refectory to be able to catch up with each other. Looking at the district workings calendar this is a common theme across the lodges this month.

Following that our July meeting will see a fraternal visit from Lodge Te Puni. We also have a potential candidate for the first degree so we will ask some of their Brethren to deliver some of the charges.

Finally, August will be our Installation which should see more visiting Brethren from other lodges.

As we are able to return to lodge, Thursday 11 June was the last video meeting and our standing committee and rehearsal will be at the Wellesley. Thank you to all the Brethren that have been able to attend these meetings, it has been a good chance to catch up and keep in contact with some of our Brethren.

Finally, due to the lack of lodge meetings the planned talk from Zealandia will not be happening. However, the Master's appeal is still open, so if you would like to donate to the Karori Sanctuary Trust the account to use is 031531-0063013-00, and please put 'Appeal' and your name as references.



*Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
Mark White*

TV Review – The Innocence Files

America has the highest incarceration of prisoners in the world and one of the worst track records for jailing people who are innocent even after going through proper trial. The Innocence Project fights this daily and their motto is: 'We exonerate the innocent through DNA testing and reform the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice'.

The Netflix series goes into a number of cases, they concentrate on why these ones were bad in particular. The reasons include, misused Forensic Science, Inadequate Defence, Access to DNA, False Confessions and Eyewitness Misidentification. Some of the men in the series spent up to 30 years in prison, others up to 10 or more. It is a disturbing look into the corruption of a system that was meant to be built on something great, it is a timely moment to watch this with all that is going on and a worthwhile watch.



Masonic Buildings – The Hanging Chapel

The Hanging Chapel (more formally known as the Chantry Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in Langport, Somerset, England is a 13th-century archway, bearing a Perpendicular building known as the hanging chapel. It has been designated as a Grade I listed building, and a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Excavation in the 1990s showed that the gateway and chapel had been built on the site of a Saxon bank around the town. The archway is all that remains of the east gate of the defended town. The archway which goes over the former main road takes the form of a pointed barrel vault.

After the Reformation, having served as the chapel of the tradesmen's guild of Langport who also formed the Corporation, it became the Town Hall in 1570, and courthouse.

It was given by the corporation to the trustees of Thomas Gillett's free grammar school, and underwent repairs in 1706 and 1716 to house the town's grammar school, which had been founded in 1675. The grammar school used the premises until 1790, and the chapel was then used as a Sunday school from 1818 to 1827.

It then became the Quekett museum, named after John Thomas Quekett (1815–61) the histologist, one of the sons of William Quekett, master of Langport Grammar School, holding Edward Quekett's collection of stuffed birds from 1834 to 1875. It has also been an armoury.

The hanging chapel became a masonic hall in 1891, and is currently leased by the town council to the Portcullis Lodge.

In 1998 long scars, 10 millimetres (0.39 in) to 15 millimetres (0.59 in) deep, were left in the archway when it was hit by a lorry, although no structural damage occurred



Recipe – Anglo-French toastie



Ingredients

2 slices white bread , around 1cm thick
unsalted butter
15 g Comte cheese
15 g Westcombe or artisan Cheddar cheese
2 slices higher-welfare roasted ham
½ tablespoon white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon rapeseed oil
freshly ground black pepper
sea salt
1 small eating apple
1 handful mixed salad leaves , such as frisse,
watercress, rocket

Method

Lightly butter the slices of bread, then place buttered-side down on a chopping board. Slice and lay the cheeses over one piece of bread, top with the ham then place the second piece of bread on top, buttered-side up. Place into a preheated toastie maker, clamp the lid down and toast for 4 to 5 minutes, or until golden and crispy. Meanwhile, add the vinegar and oil to a clean jam jar with a little pinch of salt and pepper, pop the lid on and shake to combine. Cut the apple into matchsticks, removing the core, then toss with the salad leaves and dressing. Serve the golden toastie with the fresh salad on the side, and tuck in.



Advice on Scams

If you get a message from someone you don't know:

Ignore them. Don't respond to someone you don't know with a request you didn't initiate. Block them. Take advantage of the block feature and block them on every messaging app and website they've contacted you on. Report their profile if you can using the platform's safety centres.

Be consistent. Don't be surprised if a scammer creates a new account to try to connect with you again, you'll need to block and report these accounts as well.

If you got a message from someone you know:

Contact the person and let them know you think their account is being impersonated. You won't be able to contact them through the account that's been taken over so you'll need another way to get a hold of them like via the phone.

Advise them to reset their password. For example, if this has happened on Facebook, they'll need to follow these instructions.

Ask them to consider sharing a warning from the account. Once they've got control of the account back they can share a post or message to explain that a scammer had control of their account for a time and to ignore any messages they sent that asked for money or private information like bank accounts.

If your account's been taken over:

Take back your account as soon as you can. The first step in taking back an account is to have the password reset. For example, if this has happened on Facebook, you'll need to follow these instructions.

Adding extra security to your account to stop it happening again. Many online accounts can be secured with two step verification. This can include using an authentication app or adding a phone number that'll be sent a unique code each time a new device logs into their account.

Share a warning from the account. Once you've got control of the account back you can share a post or message to explain that a scammer had control of the account for a time and to ignore any messages that asked for money or private information like bank accounts.