

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Greetings Brethren,

Apologies, we are a little late getting the Herald together this month, but when one day looks a lot like the next it is easy to forget the date. As you can probably tell I am keen to see the move down to Alert Level 2 later this week, although at the same time a little nervous to see more people out and about again. We all need to remember the messaging from two months ago around hand washing, coughing into elbows and such.

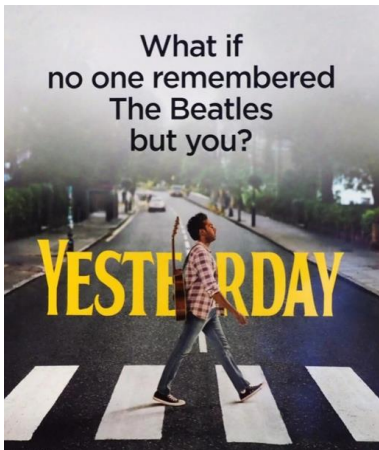
At the start of lockdown I know social media was full of plans for self-improvement, that people were vowing to learn as many new languages as our Treasurer, or learn the ritual as well as our Grand Lodge Brethren, or maybe just watch as many movies as are in our Deputy Master's DVD collection. Whatever you have done to keep yourself occupied over the past two months, I hope you have still been able to take care of yourself and those in your bubble.

At present we cannot resume Lodge meetings before the end of May, and I suspect there will be updates closer to that time. I also expect that the first meetings back around the district will look a little different. This would mean that our first meeting would not be until 25 June however we still need to plan what might happen on that night. I have also spoken to our District Grand Master and he is planning a district working when the regulations permit one, on the assumption that many lodges will have smaller than their regular attendance when they do resume.

Until we meet back in person, we will continue to have our weekly video meetings. These have generally been well-attended and are a good means to check in with the Brethren. They are on Thursdays from 7:30pm, and you can join via <https://cdnconsulting.webex.com/meet/mark.white>. It has been recommended that downloading the application works best rather than just using your web browser.



Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
Mark White



Movie Review - Yesterday

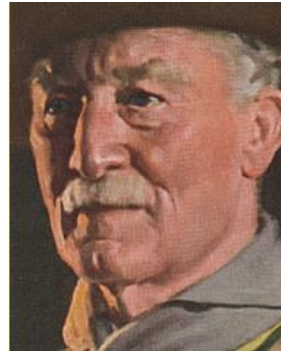
Yesterday is a feel-good movie, great for all the family to enjoy during lockdown. It's a British movie made in 2019 about a young musician who is up and coming, well actually not very successful to be honest. One day as he's cycling home power across the whole world is turned off for a few seconds (we never know why) and, in the darkness and confusion, he is hit by a bus. He wakes up in hospital and then meets up with friends and, saddened by his failure in life, starts playing the Beatles' 'Yesterday' in a melancholic mood on his guitar. His friends have never heard that song before! He thinks that they're having him on but then he discovers that the Beatles never existed! He googles 'Beatles' and comes up with 'beetles'.

Suddenly this not-so-successful guitarist becomes an overnight international sensation as he brings to the world all the Beatles' songs that

he knows off by heart. Along the way, he gets caught up with Hollywood agents who see him merely as a cash machine, and he ignores his true friends. However, this is a comedy movie and there are lots of light moments, and also some mysteries. For example, who are the two people at the back of the room holding up a toy yellow submarine? In the end, he well, I couldn't possibly spoil it for you. This was such a lovely movie that we all enjoyed, including plenty of Beatles' music. It's the type of movie that I would readily watch for a second or third time. I'll give this one a 'highly recommended': 4.5 out of five stars.

Baden Powell and Freemasonry

"...there is no evidence that Major-General Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was a Freemason under the English, Irish or Scottish Constitutions. It is remotely possible, but unlikely, that he was initiated under some other jurisdiction. Bro. George Kendall, in his paper 'Freemasonry during the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902' (AQC 97), makes no mention of him. Paul Butterfield's Centenary: The First Hundred Years of English Freemasonry in the Transvaal (1978) is similarly devoid of reference. Had Baden-Powell been a member of the Craft it would surely have come to light during the war in South Africa, during which masonic activity is well documented."



"Lord Baden-Powell must clearly have approved of Freemasonry, for he presented to the first lodge to bear his name (No. 488, Victoria) the Volume of Sacred Law which is still in use. Its fly leaf was thus inscribed by him: 'With best wishes for the success of the lodge in its good work, Baden-Powell of Gilwell. 12th May 1931'. His grandson, Hon. David Michael Baden-Powell was initiated in this lodge and remains an active member." Lodge records show him to be a Past Master of the lodge.

Some Early History - After Lt.-General Baden-Powell had commenced the Scout movement in England, a Boer War veteran, Major David Cossgrove formed the first New Zealand Troop in 1908, and the next January held the first camp. By the end of 1909 he had enrolled upwards of 500 patrols. He also started a scheme for "Junior Scouts" prior to the development of Wolf Cubs in England. Later he started a scheme for retaining those lads who had reached the age when they could no longer be Boy Scouts. This was the inception of the Empire Sentinels.

We know of the trial from official minutes. The scheme is also referred to in letters between Col. Cossgrove and Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and from a few surviving copies of a printed handbook.

The scheme is based around "Watchtowers" and 3 degrees of efficiency:

1. based on religious duty, with proof of the ability to work.
2. of patriotism and good citizenship and better work.
3. self-sacrifice in service to others, and still better work.

The Officer's were to be: a Chief Sentinel, a Sentinel of the South, a Sentinel of the East, a Sentinel of the West, an Inner Guard, an Outer Guard, a Senior Watchman, a Junior Watchman, a Scribe, and a Padre.

The Tower is opened in the 3rd Watch, then dropped to the 2nd or 1st as required. Visitors are admitted before each Watch is commenced. Sentinels enter using a pass word, saluting, then being seated, but a visiting Chief Sentinel is escorted up the centre of the building with Watchman's poles forming an archway over his head as he proceeds.

Halters and blindfolds are used and the "Alarm" appears to be the same number of knocks as the Watch in which the Tower is working. The saying "So Mote it Be" is mentioned. There are four principal officers in the Tower ceremonies, and the Chief Sentinel sits in the North. Lights are lowered and symbols of office illuminated in each Watch. **Credit** <https://freemasonry.bcy.ca/>

Recipe – 5 Minute Fudge



You won't regret making this one and it literally takes 5 minutes and you can adjust the icing sugar to cocoa or go for a white chocolate option.

Ingredients

- 450gms Icing Sugar (of 440gms + 10gms Cocoa)
- 100gms Butter
- 100gms Chocolate
- 45mls Milk

Method

- Combine all ingredients
- Cook in microwave for 1 minute
- Stir
- Cook in microwave for 2 more minutes
- Mix and pour into greased tray.

COVID19 Information from Grand Lodge

Unite against COVID-19

TFC - Covid-19 - What can we as Freemasons do to help? [here](#)

TFC Almoners and Guidelines [here](#)

Interview with NZ Corona Virus Expert

Microbiologist Siouxsie Wiles [here](#) and [here](#)

Age Concern NZ [here](#)

Super Seniors from MSD [here](#)

Volunteering New Zealand [here](#)

Student Volunteer Army [here](#)

Need a Face Shield look [here](#) then go to

ShieldsUp (from the people who brought

MyReflections to the 2019 Grand

Installation) [here](#)

Realtime Covid-19 numbers from throughout the world [here](#)

Mental Health well-being resources [here](#)

