

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Greetings Brethren,

As we look down the barrel of another year and look forward to all those ends of year work celebrations, family get togethers, Christmas and New year's breaks it is always good to reflect on what we have achieved as a lodge. Yet another lockdown survived and conquered (in Wellington at least), A superb 1st degree Tracing board (Nice work Bro Michael Sagggers) , A beautiful installation (a little delayed, might become a tradition?), A couple of "Zoom catch up" when unable to meet, The Great Cockney working, A wonderful 60 Year Badge Presentation (for Bro Gary Parsons), Our famous ANZAC ceremony to the empty chair, A couple of Presentations of District and Divisional Directions (Thanks WBro Mark White and Bro Callum Fraser), an enlightening 2nd EC Tracing board (Thanks WBro Barry Simpson and the 2nd Degree of Bro Daryl Percy. Thanks again to My IPM WBro Hadyn Nicholls for doing a great Job. All in all, a great success which had lots of member involvement and I would like to keep that trend running.

Unfortunately we won't be able to have our 3rd degree of Bro Percy as he is trapped in Auckland, this will be postponed to February or March meeting at this stage.

In Lodge this month we will have an "Exhibit & Communicate Evening" Details will be in the Summons email. Save the date 11 or 12 December for Our Christmas Function detail TBC.

Also with many of us heading away over the summer break please remember "patience is a virtue" when it comes to driving on our roads, take care over the silly season and I look forward to seeing in the New year.



The Newest addition to the Henty Hoard arriving on 20 October at 7pm on the dot, weighing in at 3.58 kg (7lb 14oz). His Name is Lando Owen Cecil Henty and is very chill and relaxed boy, we have had lots of support from Friends, Family and the Lodge over the last nine months and I would like to thank all the Lodge members for the well wishes, messages of congratulations and the chocolates were well received and much appreciated.

Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
Warwick Henty



Freemasons – Prince Hall Lodges

Throughout North America, the Caribbean and Europe there are Freemasons whose lineage began here in Boston in 1775, when Prince Hall and 14 other freed black men secured a charter to join the international association. The history of the Prince Hall Masons is exceptional, especially given the time in this country when the Lodge was founded. On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and 14 freed black men were made Masons by Worshipful Master John Batt of Army Lodge No. 441 of the 38th Regiment of Foot of the British Army. The Army Lodge's Charter was under the Grand Lodge of Ireland Constitution.

As a new Master Mason, Prince Hall petitioned membership in the Masonic Lodges headed by colonists, but all his petitions were rejected. When the British Army left Boston in 1776, this Lodge, No. 441, granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as African Lodge No. 1 (Under Dispensation), to go in procession on St. John's Day, and as a Lodge to bury their dead; but they could not confer degrees nor perform any other Masonic "work."

Besides Hall, the other black Masons were Cyrus Forbes; Bristol Stenzer; Thomas Sanderson; Prince Taylor; Cato

Gardner; Boston Smith; Peter Best; Fortune Howard; Prince Reed; John Carter; Peter Freeman; Benjamin Tyler; Cuff Bufform; and Richard Tilledge. For eight years these brethren, together with others who had received their degrees elsewhere, assembled and enjoyed their limited privileges as Masons.

Thirty-three Masons were listed on the rolls of African Lodge No.1 on Jan. 14, 1779. Finally on March 2, 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, through a Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge in London (William Moody of Brotherly Love Lodge No. 55) for a warrant or charter. On Sept. 29, 1784 a charter was issued to the African Lodge, making it a regular Lodge with all the rights and privileges of any Lodge in the world.

The Warrant to African Lodge No. 459 of Boston is the most significant and highly prized document known to the Prince Hall Masonic fraternity. It was delivered in Boston on April 29, 1787 by Captain James Scott, brother-in-law of John Hancock and master of the Neptune. African Lodge of Boston became the "Mother Lodge" of the Prince Hall Family.

All of this took place at a time in American history when it wasn't safe for black men to be speaking with, much less asking for favors from, the British.

But it was also a time when free black men very much needed a means by which to advance the cause of black equality. Boston was a major port for selling slaves in the North. Black Codes were enacted by all the colonies, curtailing the movement of blacks, both free and slave, especially after dark.

Prince Hall looked to the Fraternal Order of Free and Accepted Masons because the chief purpose of Freemasonry is benevolence and charity to all mankind. Hall was convinced that Freemasonry's ideals for the betterment of man made it an ideal organization to advance the cause of black equality in the colonies.

Today, the Prince Hall Masonic Order spans across all 50 states in the U.S. as well as Lodges in Canada, the West Indies, the Bahamas, Europe, and Asia. There are over 250,000 Prince Hall Masons worldwide, working in more than 5,000 Lodges that can trace their roots to African Lodge No. 459 which, as the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is located here in Boston, at 24 Washington St. in Grove Hall.

Recipe – Indian Potato Pie



Ingredient

700g potato , sliced
400g sweet potato , sliced
1 onion , chopped
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp cumin seeds
2 garlic cloves , crushed
1 red chilli , finely chopped
1 thumb-size piece ginger , grated
1 tsp each ground cumin, coriander and garam masala
pinch dried chilli flakes
200g frozen pea
juice 1 lemon , plus extra wedges to serve
small bunch coriander , chopped
25g butter , melted
275g pack filo pastry
½ tsp poppy seeds

Method

1. Put the potatoes in a large saucepan of cold, salted water, then bring to the boil. Turn down and simmer for 5 mins, add the sweet potatoes and continue to cook for 8 mins until just tender. Drain really
2. Fry the onion in the oil until soft, add the cumin seeds for 1 min, then stir in the garlic, chilli and ginger with the remaining spices. Cook for a further 2-3 mins, then turn off the heat and stir into the potatoes with the peas, lemon juice and coriander.
3. Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Halve the filo sheets, and use two-thirds of them, overlapping, to line a 22cm loose-bottomed cake tin with a little overhang. As you lay in each sheet, brush with melted butter and keep the rest covered with a clean tea towel. Spoon in filling and press down lightly. Cover with remaining filo, then fold up overhanging sides and scrunch up pastry near the edges.
4. Poke several slits in the top of the pastry and brush with more butter. Sprinkle with the poppy seeds. Bake for 40-45 mins until golden brown. Serve either hot or at room temperature with lemon wedges.

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