

# Homewood Herald

## **Report from the Master**

*Greetings Brethren,*

*Well, it is into another year and after ten years out of the chair, I'm back and we are looking forward to a great year as Master, one month shorter and a huge thanks to Mark for the year that was.*

*I have just returned from a week at our family house in Mangakino, this is an ongoing project and it seems, like any holiday home, you spend most time there building or fixing things. Often, I don't get a break there, the latest project is the bathroom, which is going to look fantastic once I complete it hopefully in November, along with carpet throughout if I can track down some solid carpet tiles. Should anyone wish for a week away or need a place to stay, please let me know. It is a little rustic, but as I said, a work in progress.*

*Mangakino is a small town that was set up for the sole purpose of building the dam, once it was finished, they moved around two thirds of the town to the next dam project. A group of people started a corporation to save the remainder of the town. It ended up being a bit rough but is now slowly being taken over by Auckland boat owners. There is also a 9-hole golf course there as well. That being said, I was confronted with Armed Offenders almost locking the town down on one day there – not hard to do as there are only two ways in or out.*

*Installation was another reminder of what the ceremony is, it has been so long I had forgotten parts of it, I think being secretary for many years, I often didn't notice everything that goes on. Once again, thanks to all who took part and those who have taken up officers positions for the year.*

*I have been thinking for a while about what charity I would support, and it seems the Heart Foundation is the right choice at this time.*

*Coming up this year, we have an educational evening in October and then in November, we will be putting Daryl through his second degree. Still to plan what we are doing in 2021, but hope to have a new candidate or two on board by then. Along with the ANZAC ceremony, I hope we actually get to meet and don't get locked down again.*

*I am setting up a planning meeting which will be an overnight at Brookfield in the self-contained unit (Lions Lodge) there, I will advise shortly when this will happen.*



*Ahdut Coah Hi  
Worshipful Master  
HadyN Nicholls*

## Movie Review: This Town

This Town is a new New Zealand movie about a young man, Sean, in a small rural town wanting to find love. Sean just happens to have been accused of murdering his family, although he was found innocent. Clearly this film is based loosely on the David Bain case. Anyhow, Sean is an awkward sort of fellow who dresses oddly and has poor social skills. He finally finds his match on a dating app with a similarly awkward young lady, Casey. They bond over a cheap buffet at the local Chinese restaurant. Things become complicated when Casey's friends and family members try to tear her apart from the outcast Sean whom everyone still suspects of having murdered his family. There is also an ex-cop who worked on his case and is still doing all she can to prove his guilt.

This Town is one of those classic films that makes fun of certain aspects of New Zealand culture. Everyone dresses badly, drives old cars, speaks with a strong accent, drinks heavily, and talks about sexual practices. However, it is also an endearing love story. Sean and Casey go through their ups and downs, with everyone wanting to ruin their relationship, but they end up happy. So, did Sean kill his family? Well, there is a surprise ending!

There are beautiful shots of the countryside and plenty of sheep. As you watch the film, try to work out where it was filmed. If you give up, you can google the answer afterwards.

This was a lovely film with some scenes that will make you laugh and others that will make you cringe. I'll give it 4 out of 5.



## Historic Masonic Temple, Michigan

The historic Masonic Temple at 700 North Madison Avenue in Bay City, Michigan was originally built in 1893. The Temple was designed by Pratt and Koeppel, the same architectural firm that designed the historic City Hall and First Presbyterian Church.



In May 1903, the new Temple was destroyed by fire. All that remained of the building were the vertical walls. The entire roof, including a 114 foot-high Octagonal Minaret Tower and three Moorish Domes, was completely destroyed. The Masonic fraternity immediately set out to rebuild the building. The rebuilt Temple was completed and rededicated in 1905. The building has long been considered one of the two most beautiful Masonic buildings in the country.

The Bay Arts Council purchased the building from the Joppa Lodge Masons in 2005 to save it for its cultural, historic, and architectural importance. With significant performance spaces in the building, the Bay Arts Council believed the building could serve as an important venue for arts programming. In 2011, The Bay Arts Council formed the Friends of the Historic Masonic Temple of Bay City (Friends) to develop the vision and the plan for the use of the building, to make it self-sustaining, and to raise the funds to preserve and renovate it. The Friends is recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity. Contributions to the Friends to preserve and renovate the Temple building are tax deductible. The Bay Arts Council transferred ownership of the Temple to the Friends in December 2016 and the Friends is now fully responsible for the management, operation and renovation of this historic building. Through the efforts of the Friends the Temple was accepted to the National Register of Historic Places in March 2016 and is designated as a building of statewide historic significance.





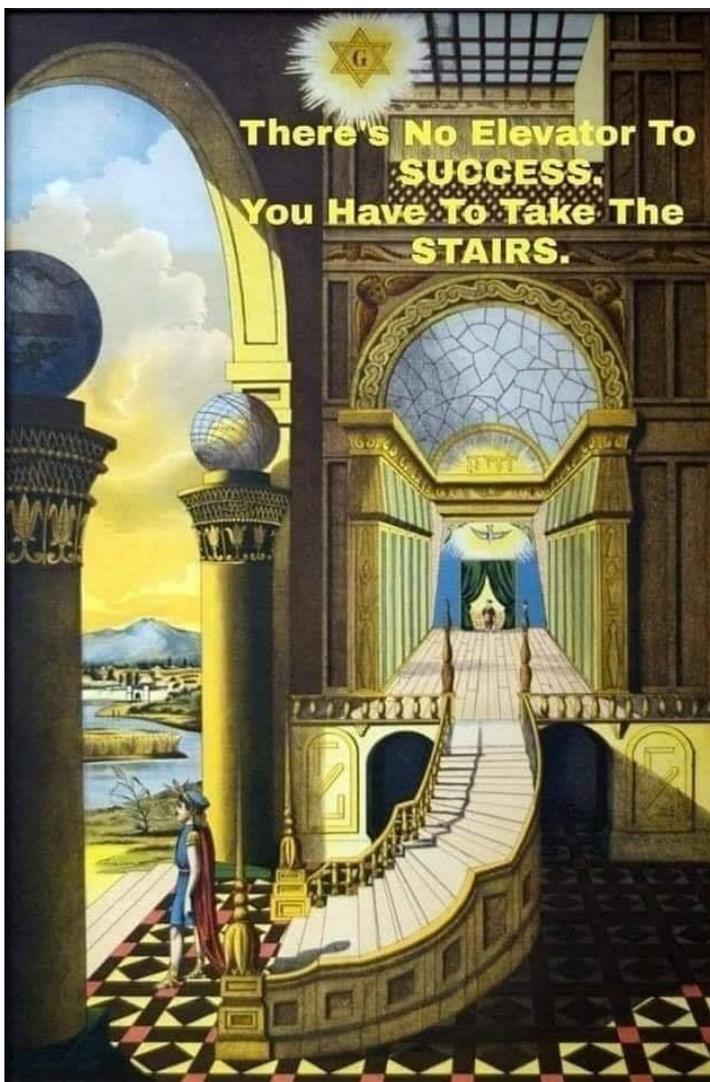
### Te Puni Installation

A small visiting team from Homewood consisting of our Bro White IPM, Bro Patterson Sec, Bro Fraser Senior Deacon and myself attended the installation of Murray Mansfield at Lodge Te Puni #315 on Wednesday night October 7th. It was a great night Murray was piped into the ceremony by his step brother, also a "Murray Mansfield" confusing I'm sure, As Callum and I were chatting to the Piper I found out he played in the Airforce Band with my father Phillip just another one if those 2 degrees of separation we have in New Zealand. It's one of my favourite things about freemasonry is the random connection you make along the way when you're out visiting. Of course, as there was a Piper there was also a haggis with the "Ode to the haggis" getting the well deserved cheer at the end! I believe Mark and John may have had a bowl of haggis between them! A very enjoyable night.



LODGE TE PUNI are celebrating their 75th anniversary on 14 November @ Petone Working Men's Club Cost \$37-Tickets Required

<http://www.themasons.org.nz/forms/tepuni75/tepuni75.php>



Courtesy of the internet and our all important district facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/freemasonsdistrict19>

Also don't forget to visit homewood's group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/homewood447> - you can join this to get regular updates

The page is designed for more public use and getting likes from all over:

<https://www.facebook.com/homewood447>

### Masonic Jewellery

There are many locations you can buy rings and various jewellery. The styles available are amazing and there are a lot more now than previously. This is one of the most interestign sites to find unusual and impressive rings.

<https://bricksmaons.com/pages/masonic-rings>



*Sterling Silver  
Masonic Rings*



*Deluxe  
Premium Rings*



*Band Rings*



*Classic Rings*



*Motif Rings*



*Zirconia  
Stones Rings*

Some like to wear them, others not so much, it is a very personal thing, here are a couple of other sites for purchasing all sorts of masonic gear.

[letchworthshop.com](http://letchworthshop.com)

# Letchworth's

[thefreemason.com](http://thefreemason.com)



## Recipe – Microwave Banana Split



### Ingredients

1 tsp cornflour  
2 Tbsp cocoa  
25g butter  
4 Tbsp Chelsea Golden Syrup  
3 Tbsp water  
4 bananas  
4 scoops vanilla ice cream  
4 pink wafers (to serve)  
chopped nuts to decorate

### Method

Place cornflour, cocoa and butter in a measuring jug.  
Add golden syrup and water.  
Cook on high for 90 seconds in the microwave.  
Whisk well. Cook on high for 2 minutes more.  
Peel bananas. Spilt in half lengthwise.  
Put 2 halves(i.e. one banana per person)into 4 sundae dishes.  
Put a scoop of ice cream on top of each.  
Pour chocolate sauce over each, top with chopped nuts and serve.

## Farewell To The Brethren Of St. James Lodge, Tarbolton

Adieu! a heart-warm fond adieu;  
Dear brothers of the mystic tie!  
Ye favoured, enlighten'd few,  
Companions of my social joy;  
Tho' I to foreign lands must hie,  
Pursuing Fortune's slidd'ry ba';  
With melting heart, and brimful eye,  
I'll mind you still, tho' far awa.

Oft have I met your social band,  
And spent the cheerful, festive night;  
Oft, honour'd with supreme command,  
Presided o'er the sons of light: [2]  
And by that hieroglyphic bright,  
Which none but Craftsmen ever saw  
Strong Mem'ry on my heart shall write  
Those happy scenes, when far awa.

## 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.

Brethren, there is a history of heart disease in my family on my father's side, he died at the age of 40 from a massive heart attack. I am forever on statin drugs due to high cholesterol which would have been researched by organisations such as the Heart Foundation



May Freedom, Harmony, and Love,  
Unite you in the grand Design,  
Beneath th' Omniscient Eye above,  
The glorious Architect Divine,  
That you may keep th' unerring line,  
Still rising by the plummet's law,  
Till Order bright completely shine,  
Shall be my pray'r when far awa.

And you, farewell! whose merits claim  
Justly that highest badge to wear:  
Heav'n bless your honour'd noble name, [3]  
To Masonry and Scotia dear!  
A last request permit me here, -  
When yearly ye assemble a',  
One round, I ask it with a tear,  
To him, the Bard that's far awa.

*Bro Robbie Burns*