

Homewood Herald

Report from the Master

Greetings Brethren, well we all know the saying "Good things take time" so even though it was a little delayed our Installation night was very enjoyable, the outgoing and incoming officers did really well and as it was the first installation for Grand lodge since the lockdown so quite relaxed in the lodge rooms. Firstly, a huge thanks to Hadyn for the previous year and all the hard mahi he always does behind the scenes.

To be honest I haven't been up to much lately except for the baby prepping the house and life again, for our wee man coming near the end of the month, My Daughter Cora (2¾) is super excited and has named him "Broccoli" in the short term.

But as my wife and I are an outdoor kind of people, we took Cora up to Otari Wilton Bush, a botanic garden dedicated solely to the native plants of New Zealand for a walk to expel some energy. Spring has definitely sprung, and the massive Kowhai were in covered with flowers and a bunch of Tui's, also got very close a couple of kererū (wood pigeon).



I have been thinking for a long while about what charity I would support for my Master's Appeal and it is close my heart, "Little Shadow" is counselling service, we used last year after our miscarriage, a very tough subject to talk about, they help us a lot and now is my chance to give back.

Coming up this year, we have Bro Saggars delivering the 1st Degree tracing board in October and then in November, we will be raising Bro Percy to the 3rd degree. Hopefully a couple of social events before the End of December (likely a Junior Warden's Lunch and a Christmas BBQ or something). 2022 - fingers crossed our country is highly vaccinated and we can get back to a bit of normal life...etc. Funny to think we miss "precedented" times.

Planning on visiting as much as I can in the next few weeks...while I can! Heading to Lodge Aquarius installation 5 October, Lodge Westminster Installation 8 October and I will be doing the 3rd degree tools for Bro Zane Milburn Lodge Te Puni on the 3rd November.

Any brethren are welcome to Join me.

Ahdut Coah Hi
Worshipful Master
Warwick Henty

Freemasons Buildings – Grand Lodge of France

The Grande Loge De France, together with the Grand Orient de France, is one of the major masonic collections in French freemasonry.

Though both of the organizations derived from the masons "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite," the Grande Loge claims an older affiliation from the core principles that composed the first french Masonic Order founded in 1773.

For the purpose of unveiling some of the mystery that has shrouded the group, in the seventies the Grande Loge opened a part of its private collections and archives, revealing precious artifacts that constitute the splendor of masonic regalia - swords, masonic aprons, jewels, and medals, and thousands of ritual objects that were kept in secrecy for two centuries.

Being the first masonic museum in France, the MAB de la Grande Loge de France had several purposes: centralizing and preserving documents that were stolen during nazi occupation of France, and sharing the history of the Order with a larger public. By unveiling the complexity of its symbolism, it attempted to put an end to the satanic stereotypes that it once was accused of. Nowadays the museum also exhibits contemporary art installations by both initiated and uninitiated artists.

An unusual museum with an unusual story, the building itself deserves some attention as well. In 1883, Father Benigne de Janville and the Franciscan community bought the building, settled a charity in it and erected a tiny chapel a few years later. However for some unknown financial issue, the Franciscan seminary was evicted and the story turned into a ten year real estate drama.

In 1909, Brothers Bernheim eventually purchased 8 rue de Puteaux and transformed the former christian sanctuary into a cabaret. In a month, the central nave of the church became a screening room, the so-called Féeric Cinema. Beneath the cinema the crypt was used as a skating rink. After two years, the amusement establishment was sold to the Grande Loge de France who used the chapel to build its masonic temples.

Today you can access to the museum is free but the archive library is by appointment only. As part of the Musées de France association, The MAB de la Grande Loge de France usually participates every year in cultural events such as the Nuit Europeene des Musées (at the beginning of spring) or Les Journée du Patrimoine (end of September), twice a year opening the doors of its elaborate temples and offering the public a glimpse into the secretive society.



TV Review – Chicago Series – PD, Fire and Med



If anyone has watched the Law and Order series by Dick Wolf, he has created a series called Chicago Fire, Chicago Med and Chicago P.D.. These were all created around the same time and have fantastic overlap with characters in all three, brothers, sisters, people who move from the Fire to Med, P.D. to Med and so on. His usual build of the characters is great and as usual the episodes often center on topical news items. Some of these are available on Netflix, others elsewhere. I have been binge watching these and you get to know all the characters and it a reflection of Dick Wolf's excellent work as he did with Law and Order for 20 years.

Recipe – Egg Bread



Ingredient

2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast
1/2 cup warm water (110° to 115°F)
1-1/2 cups warm 2% milk (110° to 115°F)
3 large eggs, room temperature
1/4 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon salt
7 to 7-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 large egg yolk, room temperature
2 tablespoons water
Sesame seeds

Method

1. In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add milk, eggs, butter, sugar, salt and 3 cups flour; beat on medium speed until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough.
2. Turn dough onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, 1-1/2 to 2 hours.
3. Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide into 6 portions. Roll each portion into a 14-in. rope. For each loaf, braid 3 ropes together on a greased baking sheet; pinch ends to seal and tuck under. Cover with kitchen towels; let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 50 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°F.
4. Beat together egg yolk and water; brush over loaves. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake until golden brown, 30-35 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool.

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At Little Shadow we offer affordable counselling and support for parents experiencing perinatal distress, including baby loss and infertility. (Perinatal means anything to do with pregnancy, birth and the first years of a baby's life.) We provide you with a safe, non-judgemental space to seek healing, resilience and empowerment.

We also offer affordable counselling to Midwives and provide services for Workplace Wellness.

Our collective of counsellors are professionally trained to help you navigate those tricky times in life. From depression to grief, loss, anxiety and trauma and managing life's changes. Our team also have specialist training and professional development to help support those in the perinatal period. Our counsellors genuinely relate – many have experienced perinatal or other life periods of distress, and all of them are parents.

The cost of our counselling for Parents and Midwives is subsidised by our generous donors, fundraising events and grants.

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