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THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

August 2009

Greetings Brethren,

My year as Master of this research lodge has come to its end when I formally hand over to Graham Dunne at our August meeting. Thank you for the support given to me during this year that has seen the lodge continue to make itself known in the Eastland and Ruahine Districts.

Our involvement with Scinde Lodge No 5 at our February meeting, to help celebrate their 150 years of freemasonry in Hawke's Bay, was one of my personal highlights. It was great to be able to return the help and participation given to our lodge by one of our supporter lodges.

Another highlight is our involvement with reciprocal visits with our nearest Research Lodge neighbour, Ruapehu 444, and my visit to Palmerston North to one of their meetings. Unfortunately I was not able to travel to Gisborne for our first ever research presentation in an English Constitution lodge, but that was another lodge high point.

My successor, WBro Graham Dunne, as a Past Master of Lodge Te Mata No 298, is well known by freemasons in Hastings and further a field. In his business life, as a legal executive for a local partnership practice of lawyers, he is well respected and as residents of Havelock North, both he and his wife are involved in community activities. His former Liverpoolian origins add to the flavour of his humour. We are sometimes unsure whether he is for real or not.

But, his commitment to freemasonry and to research is not faulted. He has already presented an engrossing lecture in our lodge, when Junior Warden, based upon the slave trade and the involvement of Liverpool freemasons on both sides in that traumatic period in British history. He promises something different for his Master's address at his installation. I urge you to be there to experience an enjoyable evening.

Fraternal regards,

John Glew, WM