

**This is a difficult toast to make, when so much has already been said about Henry in the Lodge room.**

**So as not to repeat what you have already heard, I will try to restrict my remarks to those that most brethren, will not have known about Henry.**

**For instance, not many of you will know that Henry is up at the crack of dawn, and is out in his garden, wearing his very fetching dressing gown, lovingly tending to his plants.**

**At that time, any weeds that may have grown overnight, tremble, at the sight of dressing gowned Henry, approaching them, clutching a wicked looking pair of scissors, to terminate their impudence, at daring to appear in his garden.**

**A frightening sight..... The mind boggles.**

**Another story, that Henry likes to tell, is that he reckons, he overpaid me, when he purchased our house on Ringley Road. He is, however, reluctant to disclose how much he sold it for, a few years later, and I've never heard him mention, how much I paid him, for the paintings I purchased over the years.**

**Few people here, can have enjoyed the long friendship that I have had with Henry, for well over 60 years.**

**Our paths have crossed constantly.**

**We have both served as local councillors.**

**We are both magistrates, having served on the same bench.**

**We are both closely involved with the Whitefield synagogue.**

**Additionally, his wife, Della, and my wife, Valerie, are leading members of Carmel Wizo.**

**But to top all those connections, we were both initiated in to Scroll Lodge all those years ago, by our dear late fathers.**

**We have been through a lot together.**

**We were born into a different era.**

**A horrendous war, rationing... a difficult start to life.**

**But by the grace of the great architect of the universe, we are here to tell the story.**

**To put some aspects of our longevity into context, I will remind you that Henry and I were born before TV had been invented, before credit cards, before frozen foods, sliced bread and before man had walked on the moon.**

**When an orange was something you ate, not a phone, and a tablet made you feel better.**

**I have taken great pleasure in following Henry's example, of service to the wider community.**

**He has inspired all of us, and on behalf of us all, I wish him continued good health, together with his dear wife, to live life to the full for very many years.**

**Please rise.....the toast is...good health to Henry.**