

**February 20, 2010:
Report GP Druids of Newzealand NJ, Bro. Bob Stewart**

Fraternal greetings to our Brothers Worldwide.

Druidism is alive and well down under, and we have had a very successful joint Australia/ New Zealand Congress in Adelaide, Australia, in October 2009. The next joint Congress will be in Wellington, N. Z. in February 2011.

We are still hurting from the events in Munich 2008, and are bewildered by the lack of response to requests for information, from our Executive. Remember the proposal from Scandinavia for Tele-Electronic meetings? Not very effective.

We enjoyed a visit from Bro. Dieter Hennecke and his wife Helga, and listened with interest to his reports on the Druidic events in Europe. Our Lodges, and Members, welcome visitors from all over the World, and as Bro. Dieter will testify, our hospitality is what Druidism is all about.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of *Bro. Eric Warner*. Eric passed away on Friday the 12th February, following a massive heart attack. To Eric's wife Helen, and son John, daughters Kay and Jane, and their children, our thanks go to you all for allowing Eric the time he gave so freely to our Order over the past 24 years. Eric enjoyed immensely the Fellowship and Rituals of our Order, and will be sadly missed by all his friends throughout the World.

Eric's Lodge Service :-

Miro Lodge No. 79.....	1953 to 1968. All Chairs up to Arch Druid.
Pride of Hamilton Lodge No. 49.....	1977 to present time. All Chairs up to District President.
IGLD(NI)NZ.....	1986 to present time. Most Chairs, President 96/97
Grand Lodge Trustee.....	2000/2001

Awards to Eric:-

1998.....	Certificate of Merit. 2nd highest Lodge Award
2003.....	Aotearoa Award. The highest IGLD(NI)NZ Award.
2003....	50 year Service Award. Abel Award. The highest and most prestigious Grand Lodge Award.

Eric also attended IGLD World Congresses in Melbourne 2000, Hamar 2004, Munich 2008. We also all remember the IGLD Ramblings by PP Bro. Eric Warner, in which he wrote the news and views of Druidic happenings in New Zealand, and indeed, elsewhere around the World. Somehow, we must continue Eric's vision.

Eric was a true gentleman, loyal to his friends and Druidism. He will be sadly missed by all.

Past District President, and Past President, Brother Eric Warner, in the name of the United Ancient Order of Druids of New Zealand Northern Jurisdiction 1999, and the International Grand Lodge (North Island) New Zealand, the Brethren of which you loved so well, and who in turn loved you, we bid you farewell for a short time, until all things are completed and we meet again radiant in love, honour and friendship.

May you rest in peace PP Bro. Eric.

**Bob Stewart,
GP Druids of New Zealand Northern Jurisdiction 1999
Secretary IGLD(NI)NZ**