

The Discoverer

The Monthly Newsletter of The Lodge of Discovery

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Greetings Brethren,

Six officers of the Lodge of Discovery attended the Lodge of Fiji Installation ceremony on Saturday 27th June in company with the Lautoka Lodge—photograph of the assembled brethren below.

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IMPORTANCE OF CHARITY IN FREEMASONRY

Inspired by the fact that Charity is an inseparable aspect of Freemasonry, this analysis and observation has been made for the benefit of all freemasons.

First, let us understand exactly, the objects of Freemasonry, before we proceed to know how Charity is connected with this fraternity. Our members do agree that it is a society of noble men, which strongly believes in the "Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man". Even if you compare this organization with several other systems adopted by social institutions existing to-day anywhere in the world, you will observe that freemasonry is unique in philanthropy, which believes not only serving humanity, helping the distressed brethren, also persons who are at the lowest ebb in society. This shows that it clearly propagates the philosophy and principles of equality, brotherhood, and upliftment of downtrodden and underprivileged in society, righteous and disciplined living as well as to ask others in the neighbourhood to help the needy on humanitarian grounds. The concepts are based on age long experiences of mankind, especially sages and saints, great leaders who lived and sacrificed their lives for our good. Besides invoking the blessings of the almighty God, during the ceremonies of our meetings, the message it conveys is "Goodwill towards Men and Glory to God in the highest possible way". Masonry is perhaps, the only organization which brings the members on equal footing or same level of brotherhood and binds them for fraternal affection among all irrespective of the difference in religious, ethnic, social, cultural, educational or professional status thus making it a non-political and not non-sectarian organization. Its rituals stress on the importance of unity in diversity.

"Charge in the North-East" as we masons know, is a testimonial to the importance of Charity, driven home to a candidate, addressed during the ceremony of initiation, when he joins freemasonry. Even while conducting ceremonies of superior degrees the candidates are informed from lessons in the ritual manuals, about the importance of charity. That also proves why Charity is an inseparable aspect of masonry and how everyone should make others also to practice this unique virtue. Masons should remember that it is freemasonry that teaches its members to practice charity right from the day a candidate is initiated. Our lodges always carry a special item in its summons "To honour the cause of Charity". The charity collections are thankfully received and faithfully applied. There are a number of projects in this country or rather all over the world which are funded by the Masonic lodges from the contributions received from masons. Some are used for the renovation of Masonic temples or paid to individuals or institutions for their benefit such as educational fees for the children or medical aids and treatment in hospitals, as many poor and downtrodden can't afford to meet the medical expenses from their pockets. Charles Dickens—the famous novelist said "Charity begins at Home and goes to next door." We as freemasons are proud of the fact that charity begins from the heart of a freemason and goes to many doors for all living beings, who derive benefit from the donations in cash or kind. One of the charges in the craft manual confirms that this act of benevolence blesses the donor & the recipient alike. The practice of charity has been recommended even by all religious scriptures. Charity helps in life and one does experience that joy that gives mental peace, inner strength and soothes the mind and soul equally. Charity in freemasonry is being practiced regularly and this should go a long way to shape the lives of many families who have learnt to limit desires and fulfil the requirements of the friends in their locality or neighbourhood who needed relief. A donor should not have expectations for publicity but continue practicing this virtue wholeheartedly which does repay in one's own lifetime in some form or the other and that fills the heart with joy for God looketh at the heart.

Some religious scriptures have described charity as an act of non-violence by sacrificing for others in whatever way possible, with a minimal requirement of living for own self and giving the rest to the needy and that would ensure happiness and immortality to be the lot of the faithful and charitable person.

Freemasonry teaches us to practice charity, regulate your actions, and limit your desires, live to spread the morality in day to day working of life. Therefore, the practice of charity in masonry is of utmost importance being one of the most important cardinal virtues for brotherly love, relief and moral truth. Words won't suffice to explain the advantages that make a freemason well-known in the society who practices charity and thus makes the life of others more fruitful and meaningful.

Robert Farley- a poet, in his collections says: "Charity is a blessing- chance to serve others. Think of the service you may render, not of serving self alone, think of happiness of others and in this you will find your own!"

Though, the whole world to-day, is revolving over the materialistic way of living, but there are many, who recognize the correlation between relief and truthful, peaceful living by helping the distressed through charitable projects and uplifting them morally to survive and co-exist in fast changing times. Many recipients aided by charitable projects of freemasons express their gratitude and satisfaction as they use the gifted articles or life support equipment or homes and shelters provided to them whenever they made an appeal during the time of need. This act of charity from the Masonic lodges helped them not only to change their attitude towards life but also to face the challenges of destiny, lead their lives with a realization that humanity does survive in this world.

There is no dearth of philanthropists, really speaking. If you take a cursory look at the happenings in and around yourself, you will read about several software giants, prosperous industrialists who are creating trusts to fund the projects for poor all over the world and to rehabilitate those who have suffered in life during natural calamities or even passed through miserable diseases in their lifetime. Freemasons do contribute a lot for this cause and that is why our fraternity has a name in this field and teaches its members to practice this cardinal virtue wholeheartedly. A practice of charity when adopted by a freemason gives immense pleasure to himself and also shapes the future of both, the donor and recipient, to fulfil the requirement of humane services and that surely completes the sublime equation of survival in the turbulent period which can be faced by anyone living on this earth.

Charity has no substitute in Freemasonry. It has deeper roots in a freemason's heart and certainly needs to be practiced by all masons. The solace it provides can be felt instantly with the blessings of the almighty and that unfailingly has the soothing effect on mind, body and soul. To quote some excerpts from one of the ritual manuals which emphasize for providing relief to a brother who may be in distress, would be worthwhile to mention. "A brother's distress may arise from different causes. Firstly, from the circumstances of difficulty wherein he may need advice, the brother hailed would do so as may be in his power. Secondly from excessive poverty, and as wise stewards of the manifold gifts of God, we should always have a hand and heart ready to help". Therefore, charity is undoubtedly, very essential for a freemason and serves as an important ornamental part of Freemasonry.

We know that every action has a reaction. Your contribution to Masonic charity will bear fruit and help someone to rise in life. Man aspires, perspires, respire and finally expires, but his good deeds in life are always remembered and that is what freemasonry teaches "Live respected and die regretted".

In conclusion, this goes to prove again that Charity is an important virtue in masonry and all freemasons should continue to practice this regularly for the benefit of humanity and everyone living to-day.

by W. Bro. Vijay Kumar Gauhar Asoka Lodge No.93

Past Grand Steward, Past Pres. Board of General Purposes

WHY THE RUSH?

The subject I wish to address in this paper is the "Why the Rush" in getting Candidates through the Degrees.

Our History tells us that in Operative Times, apprentices were required to serve SEVEN years prior to being considered for the honour of being a Freemason.

By no means am I advocating this length of time, however, somewhere between the process of "All the Way in only a Day" & Seven Years there must be an answer!!!

Why & What is there to be gained by slowing down the progression through the Degrees?

I offer the following:-

Becoming a Freemason is just the beginning of a Personal Spiritual Journey through life and not one to be entered into lightly.

The lessons incorporated into our ceremonies are both Exoteric & Esoteric and, to be of real value, require the Candidate to have an understanding of both these aspects, prior to moving forward.

Please note, I have used the word "Understanding" not memorizing.

"This is where Mentors; Coaches & Sponsors play their part"

By scheduling conferrals away from speed and making more space for scheduling from the perspective of Education & Understanding, I am firmly of the belief that everyone, the Lodge; the Officers & the Candidate would greatly benefit from the more relaxed atmosphere wherein all participants, & not forgetting the brethren about the Lodge, would feel much more included within the ceremonies themselves.

It is also probable that the quality of the "Memory Work" & the delivery of same would substantially improve.

A further advantage from moving from a "Candidate Driven" Lodge to a "Membership Driven" Lodge is that the scheduling for special events, i.e. Ladies Nights; Burns Nights etc. could be dealt with on an annual basis and the ANNUAL date looked forward to with anticipation.

The Officers & presenters would also KNOW when the work is to be presented and make the necessary planning to be ready for same.

It is my belief that Lodges are where we go with the anticipation of enjoying the company of like-minded men, relax & hopefully receive a boost in our own Masonic Education and growth. This cannot be accomplished where the processing of Candidates is seen to be the primary Focus!!

There are many Lodges who have this process in full control and are to be admired for their organization and ability. Possibly a way could be found for them to share their secrets!!!

*A thought-provoking article by V. W. Bro. Norman McEvoy—The Educator
with comment on the next page*

Comment

This paper is being presented by myself in the hope that it will be PROVOCATIVE and commence a thought process in all Lodges as to what could or might be best practice.

I also recall that in 1998, my year as Master, when our Lodge processed NINE Candidates & I have difficulty even remembering who they were !!!!

Several months ago a paper was shared in, "The Educator" prepared by Bro. Ian Bowman of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon wherein he discussed the "Renaissance of Freemasonry" all over the World.

Brethren, from the International & Local feedback I am receiving, this Renaissance is now upon us and men all over the World are knocking on our doors.

We owe it to the Craft and ourselves to make the beginning of their journey memorable for all the RIGHT reasons.

Surely it is a must, that our house be in order when we welcome them into the **Greatest Fraternity on Earth**



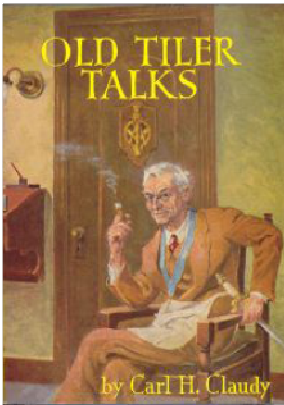
ENTERED APPRENTICE

When a man completes his initiation ceremony, he becomes an Entered Apprentice. This has a close relationship with operative practice, especially in Scotland, newcomers to the stonemason's craft having been described as such at the beginning of their indentures.

The 1st degree in Freemasonry supplies little historical knowledge to the new brother but it is full of information concerning the structure and meaningfulness of the order.

Amongst other things, newly initiated brethren are presented with a lesson in humility with a recommended disregard for empty earthly pomp and grandeur, while worthiness and beauty of displaying charity and benevolence to one's fellow man are given particular emphasis.

The new brother is exhorted to practice every domestic and public virtue and that to be aware that he has a duty to God, to his neighbour and himself. In the latter regard, he is enjoined to base his life on a corner-stone of purity and virtue upon which he should erect such a super-structure of moral endeavour as will bring honour to himself and the Masonic brotherhood.



Old Tiler Talks— GEOMETRIC BULL

"There are a lot of things in Masonry," began the New Brother to the Old Tiler.

"Bravo!" cried the Old Tiler, sarcastically. "Who told you all that?"

"And some of them," continued the New Brother, "are more or less bull. I yield to no one in my love for the order, but I see its faults. And when I am expected to learn the science of geometry as a part of Masonry I know I am being bulled. There is no more sense to including geometry in the second degree than there would be including paleontology or..."

"I love to hear a man say he can see the faults of Masonry," interrupted the Old Tiler, "because then I am in the presence of a master mind. Generations of philosophers have made Masonry what it is. When a new brother can plainly see its faults he is greater than all of these."

"Of course I did not mean it that way. I just meant that I, er, you know..."

"Do I? Well, then I suppose I'd better not mince words about it. To say there is no sense to geometry in the second degree is to advertise the fact that you know nothing and care less for the symbolism of the order. Take from Masonry its symbolism and all you have left is a central thought with no means of expression. Imagine a great musician, deaf, blind, and paralyzed, his heart ringing with wonderful melodies and harmonies, yet unable to give them expression, and you have a mental picture of Masonry without symbolism. Symbolism is Masonry's means of expressing thought, and geometry, in the second degree, is not an arithmetical study, but a symbol.

"Geometry was an outgrowth of the first science. The first glimpse brute man had there was aught in nature but haphazard chance or the capricious doing of a superior overlord was when he learned the stupendous fact that two and two always make four.

"From that humble beginning and recognition of the master law of the universe—which is, that law is universal, unchanging, and invariable—grew the study of things; their surfaces, their areas, their angles, their motions, their positions. Modern methods have gone farther than Euclid, but his work was perfectly done and Euclid's geometry stands today as a perfect thing, as far as he took it.

"Geometry is the science of order. Reaching back to the first recognition that there was order in the world, it may stand for anyone who has eyes to see, as it does stand in Masonry, for man's recognition of God in the universe. It is a symbol of universality. By geometry we know that natural law on earth is nature's law for the stars. There have been few atheists in the world, but I venture to say that none of them have been geometers or astronomers. They know too much to deny the existence of the Great Geometer when seeing His work.

"Geometry is everywhere. It is in the snowflake's measured lines of crystallization. There is geometry of the honeycomb and geometry of the cone of a fir tree. Mountains stand or fall as they obey or disobey the laws of geometry and the spider in her web and the planets in their orbits alike work according to the universal laws of geometry.

"I think God's thoughts after Him," said the great astronomer Kepler, looking through his telescope and thinking of the geometry of the skies.

"If we know two angles and one dimension, we can find the other dimension. Man has angles and dimensions; and if we know enough of them we can find the rest. One of a man's angles is his love of Masonry. Given a real love of Masonry as one angle, a willingness to live her precepts as the other and we can tell what sort of a man he is now, used to be, and will be in the future.

"It is a real geometry the second degree commends to you, my brother, because it is a symbol of law and order, of Deity, of universality. But it is spiritual geometry which you should study rather than the propositions of Euclid, bearing in mind that they are symbols of that which Masonry most venerates, most wisely teaches, and most greatly loves.

"Our ancient brother Pythagoras discovered the wonderful demonstration of the Great Architect which is the forty-seventh problem of Euclid. And so when I hear a young squirt of a Mason, with his eyes barely opened to the long path which is Masonry winding through the stars to God, say that the geometry in the second degree is bull, I wish I were young enough to take him out in the back lot and treat him as I would a small boy who found humor in church and fun in sacred things, and..."

"Oh, stop!" cried the New Brother. "I was wrong. I didn't understand. Say, where can I get a geometry book? I want to know more about that forty-seventh problem."

"In the reading room," growled the Old Tiler. "And, say, son, when you get it in your head, come back here and explain it all over again to me, will you?"

MERIT AND ABILITY

During the 1st degree ceremony, the initiate is advised that there are several degrees in Freemasonry, but they are not communicated to brethren indiscriminately but only according to merit and ability.

In our constitution, brethren are only required to answer 11 questions leading from the 1st to the 2nd degree and only 9 from the 2nd to the 3rd, and prompts are readily given (where necessary) to assist in this process. Not a great deal of attention is paid to the matter of ability and qualification in this connection.

This, however, is not the situation in all other jurisdictions by any means. Several European Grand Lodges require that candidates submit essays relating to the previous degree before advancement to the next ceremony is permitted.

Also, in most of the jurisdictions in the United States of America, candidates are required to pass comprehensive proficiency tests before promotion to a superior degree. These tests, in catechetical form, cover a number of the procedural details of the last degree taken and generally involve a recitation of the preceding obligation in full from memory.

Lodge of Discovery visits Lodge of Fiji Installation



The Discovery Visiting Team



The G.I. with Masters of his 3 Lodges
Discovery Fiji Lautoka
for the first time ever



Brotherly Love and Affection

The tenets of our profession of Masonry give guidelines on how we should interact with one another. I have a friend who always closes his communication to me with the words "Brotherly love and affection."

What do these words really mean? Several months ago, during a refreshment period of a Lodge meeting, I observed nine young Brothers in a circle. They were not discussing Lodge business or degree work. They were just talking about things that were happening in their lives and it was obvious they were thoroughly enjoying each other's company. This was an example of Brotherly love and affection being demonstrated for all to see.

What can we do to ensure Brotherly love and affection is a priority in our Lodges? The Senior Deacon is charged with greeting all visitors, but should not that be a priority for all officers and members? Some Lodges have a short refreshment period before stated meeting where everyone is greeted and enjoys fellowship and food in a relaxed setting. Much can be accomplished during this time to ensure a good and productive meeting will ensue.

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The next time you visit a Lodge, notice how quickly someone comes to greet you and welcomes you into their fellowship. This says volumes about their Brotherly love and affection not only for visitors, but for members themselves as well. At a meal, never let a Brother eat alone. Show you care for him by sharing your company with him during the time of refreshment and also in the Lodge.

It is understood that our main business in a Lodge is to confer the three degrees and then teach our initiates how to live by the lessons they contain. This can be illustrated by a tree where the degrees are the trunk of the tree, but the tree cannot live without its branches. The branches that keep this tree alive and well are the Brotherly love and affection we show and practice with each other. It is our duty to instill in every Brother that there is never a day too short or an hour too late that we cannot share our resources with him, no matter what the situation.

Although our detractors are sure they have obtained all our secrets from the internet and other places, the one thing they cannot obtain is our dedication to each other through the Brotherly love and affection we share. Remember that around our altar we have promised to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need our assistance. Are we fulfilling the duties we owe to each other by faithfully practicing that all-important tenet of Brotherly love and affection? Only you know the answer.

[Excerpt from an article by William R. Logan in Masonic Light, April/May 2014, Grand Lodge of South Carolina]

The Pathway to Knowledge

Pundits say **the only two certainties in life are death and taxes.**

Which means you have to work hard to get or learn anything else.

Another area which is not easy, simple or a certainty is masonic knowledge and that particular road requires a desire to learn, and commitment.

But what do we really mean when we talk about masonic knowledge. Are we talking about ritual, lodge meetings, research, two members talking over a cup of coffee or just general discussion? Could it mean attending a Lodge of Research or just talking with another member at lodge, rehearsal or after a meeting. Simply stated, it could be described as any source through which a mason learns more about his fraternity.

Small discussion groups have been popular in some lodges, informal groups talk about the ritual, charity activities and the lodge's commitment to their community.

Have you ever been asked by a new member "Why is the Master called Worshipful", or "Why is it called a 'Blue Lodge' or "Why do we all wear similar clothing"?

I suppose you could say that these are the first basic steps on the road to Masonic education but it also essential that we have the correct answers for such questions.

Gone are the days when lodges met almost in secret and members never openly displayed the fact that they were involved in that 'secret' organization. There has been a generation change with young people more inquisitive and openly seeking answers to questions. We must recognize this change and welcome the new generation into our society. In other words, if they want to become a Freemason, they want to know more about the organization apart from what they can pick up on Google or in the local library.

And this is where the process of learning becomes most important. Great assistance can be given to new or potential members by properly answering their questions or informing them why they can get the answers for further details.

Another area of gaining Masonic knowledge is by visiting outside the local circle where there is always something to be learned. Some effort is required to visit a lodge where one is not known but the result can be very rewarding and the benefits lasting. The Masonic ritual can provide a remarkable variety of workings and lodge customs may vary according to tradition but the timeless Masonic legend is always the same.

Freemasonry has a rich and colourful history and it can be a marvelous expedition for a person seeking to find out its background, whether a member or not.

We can help by providing good, instructive teachers, someone to listen to questions and assist in creating a willingness and desire to learn. Exploration of the Masonic world is open to all with the interest and desire to learn.

With acknowledgement to the Freemason NSW & ACT magazine

Are you guilty?

How often do we see a brother take his three degrees in Freemasonry only to find that shortly after he loses all interest in the fraternity? He doesn't even take time out to consider the advisability of giving it a fair trial, nor does he think his time is worthwhile.

Perhaps a little application by the brother in studying and delving into the principles of Masonry would increase his desire for further knowledge. However, without this attempt at further knowledge, we feel that the brother has not availed himself of the many opportunities offered by the Craft.

We have often wondered what the cause may be. Perhaps we ourselves are somewhat to blame for just such a lack of interest. Maybe we have overlooked some small detail whereby we would have aroused enough interest in this brother to keep him from staying away. What more can we offer than the fraternalism which exists among all brethren and which must be so very evident to all who partake of Freemasonry.

While we pride ourselves on being members of an outstanding fraternity, we should not forget those who enter the portals of Masonry may some days be leaders in the Craft. Let us take note of some of the outstanding personalities of the world today and surely we must be convinced of the true value of the principles for which our fraternity stands. Their efforts are undoubtedly directed towards a better place for all to live, so that there may be freedom from want and the freedom to worship as we please.

Should we not as Freemasons make every effort to cement our fraternal ties and friendship and help build for the future a more solid foundation of the true understanding among friends and brothers. To do this, we must join with our fellow Freemasons and partake of the many offerings of our fraternity.

Why don't you join with us and help promote the new spirit which prevails parts of the world today?

Lodge Birthdays

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| George Vasiliev | 21 |
| Sean Griffin | 15 |
| Rick Burns | 7 |
| Larry Dvoracko | 5 |

In our last meeting we welcomed back Bro. John Patterson as a re-joining member and Bro. Mick Benjamin after a few month's absence.

After closing of the Lodge our ladies and guests were invited into the Lodge for a brief discourse on our duties etc. followed by a very nice social evening in the South.

News from the South

STRIVING FOR PERFECTION

As Masons we are always striving for perfection. Perfection is achieved by **doing small things right** and never being satisfied with the mediocre.

One area where improvement could be made is by the nominators of a new candidate for Freemasonry. It does seem that many brethren who are fortunate enough to be a sponsor or nominator of a candidate, does not give much thought on what to say when asked to speak on behalf of the candidate in open lodge.

Here are some helpful hints which will demonstrate to the voting members that you have done your homework.

1. Visit his home to meet his wife / partner and children or parents, as the case may be.
2. Let them know that you are visiting to see if he is a suitable candidate for Freemasonry.
3. At this point, if his wife/partner and/or parents do not wish him to join, ask him to withdraw his application.
4. If they were enthusiastic and supportive, then tell the brethren that they were enthusiastic and supportive.
5. If the candidate is known to any masons at his place of employment, ascertain who they are and contact them, if possible, to see if the candidate is well regarded.
6. If he is not well regarded ascertain the reasons and if sufficient grounds exist, ask him to withdraw his application.
7. If he is well regarded and in good standing at his employment, tell your brethren and invite any masons from his employment to attend his initiation and also to attend the ballot to speak for him.
8. When you stand to speak on behalf of your candidate, know his full name, his marital status, number of children and mention the home visit.
9. Detail the length of time you have known the candidate, where and how you met him and his conduct when you have been together.
10. Detail any skills, talents or qualifications that he brings to Freemasonry.
11. Mention any hobbies and interests that you are aware of.
12. Does he and his family attend church, and if so, which one.
13. Is he involved in any community activities, if so, detail them. Is he a charitable man and help others?

14. Is the candidate in business for himself and are his dealings with others done with honesty and integrity? If so, tell your brethren the results of your enquiries.

By taking the trouble to ascertain as much of the preceding as is possible, you are demonstrating to your brethren that you are sufficiently interested in him as a man and as a potential candidate, and it makes them feel more confident of your choice.

Remember, you do not want your candidate rejected by the Lodge Committee. Even worse is for him to be black-balled. This is not good for him, for, or for your lodge. It shows that you haven't done your homework properly.

If there is any doubt about the suitability of your candidate for Freemasonry, then give Freemasonry the benefit of the doubt and withdraw his application. Freemasonry deserves quality, not quantity.

As far as the candidate is concerned, it is not the end of the world as he may reapply after a six months period but he must be honest and advise that he has petitioned previously and was unsuccessful. Circumstances change and he may now be found acceptable in this, or another lodge. Even though we are counselled in every degree to keep our passions and prejudices under control they can still influence our decisions and that is why we are still striving for perfection.

***Freemasonry deserves
quality, not quantity.***

Editor's note—This clarifies the due diligence required before any name is considered for Freemasonry and the responsibilities and duties of any would-be proposer and seconder

Adapted from Freemason magazine NSW & ACT





Lodge of Discovery Cyclone Pam Fund

First Site Visit

A month on and things are beginning to take shape at the site for the library/media centre. We had a few weeks of bad weather brought on by the seasonal trade winds but that allowed the engineer to finalise the plans and the project manager to source the materials etc. Once the weather turned in our favour, the deep footings were dug, ironwork installed and then poured. The area within the footings was levelled and raised to well above ground level before the slab laid. This will dry overnight and the walls will soon be up.....



The footings being laid



Concrete poured for the base slab



The first portion being smoothed

The next delivery being poured



Humour

Once again, The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words.

The winners are:-

1. **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n), flavoured mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **Pokemon** (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. **Circumvent** (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

Humour

The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

The winners are:

1. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
 2. **Forepjoy** (v): Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
 3. **Cashtration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
 4. **Giraffiti** (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
 5. **Sarchasm** (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
 6. **Inoculatte** (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
 7. **Hipatitis** (n): Terminal coolness.
 8. **Osteopornosis** (n): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
 9. **Karmageddon** (n): it's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
 10. **Decafalon** (n.): The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
 11. **Glibido** (v): All talk and no action.
 12. **Dopeler** effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
 13. **Arachnoleptic** fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
 14. **Beelzebug** (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
 15. **Caterpallor** (n.): The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.
- And the pick of the literature:-
16. **Ignoranus** (n): A person who's both stupid and an asshole