

Lodge of Discovery 8737 EC

Greetings Brethren,

Special points of interest:

- Original newsletter content
- Some reflections on the past
- A little Lodge humour
- Historical info
- A message to older, overseas, brethren asking for a little update on where they are now.....

I have pleasure in producing our first, in this era, Newsletter of the Lodge of Discovery. I trust that you will, in the coming months, be able to contribute quality material for insertion.

I am extremely grateful to W. Bro. Ross McDonald who sent me a copy of the very first Newsletter from January 1983 from which you will note the principles and tenets of the Lodge remain as valid now as they were "in the old days".

The logo above was the original logo – at the end of this

newsletter you will see the upgraded logo that is in current use.

The following is a re-formatted reproduction of the very first newsletter produced by the Lodge of Discovery – a few typing and spelling errors have been corrected - otherwise it is a true copy,



Old Lodge logo

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DISCOVERER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LODGE OF DISCOVERY

No. 8737 E.C.

FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to be able to write a foreword to this, the first edition of our Lodge Newsletter.

Too often with overseas Lodges, we find Brethren joining us or being initiated into our craft, only to have them move away after what seems only a short time. They sometimes return to their native home, or their employment dictates that they reside elsewhere, but the effect is the

same and they become spread over the four quarters of the globe. Some continue actively in Masonry, others are unable to do so, and others just seem to slowly drift away.

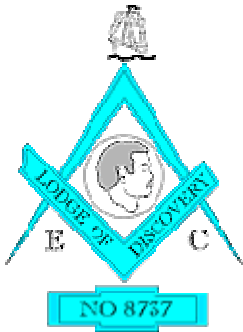
I trust that this Newsletter will serve to unite, and continue to bond together in brotherhood, and all the members of our relatively young Lodge wherever they may be and, on their behalf, extend to W. Bro. Ross McDonald (*Editor's note – currently the Grand Inspector of the South*

West Pacific Group of Lodges) and W. Bo. Hans Mol (*deceased*) our sincerest thanks for the inspiration and labour which they have expended, in making this idea a reality.

May I finally wish your united endeavours with every success

W. Bro. J. Hannaford IPM (*currently R.W. Bro. Jock Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of N.Z. Central, The Royal Order of Scotland*).

EDITORIAL



Brethren, this newsletter is the first attempt at what we hope will be a continuing communication to keep Brethren in touch, with news of each other, and recording news of your Lodge, of fostering fraternal spirit, and imparting Masonic knowledge and instruction.

We ask Brethren for your help and support in bearing with us while we produce this Newsletter. Doubtless

we will make some mistakes as we are amateur, unskilled editors, and in reading this tablet ask that you exercise those truly Masonic virtues of Charity, Patience and Understanding.

With the above words Brethren, your editors for the time being – W. Bros Hans Mol and Ross McDonald ask for your contributions. Overseas Brethren are asked to write to us with snippets of news

of your wanderings, all Brethren are asked to contribute articles of Masonic interest. If you have a Masonic question, don't be embarrassed, ask and we shall attempt to find the answers. So please support us Brethren as this is your newsletter, just as it is your Lodge. With these few words we now proceed to business.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 1982 MEETINGS

In October Mr. Russell Walker was initiated and Mr. Alan Churchill in November. Both meetings were skilfully handled by the W.M. W. Bro. Jock Hannaford. Many Brethren continue to assist with various offices as our members have dwindled in recent times from members leaving Vanuatu.

The South continues in its now traditional form with supper and wine (chips have been missing in recent months). The fellowship and form of refectory continues to be the envy of visiting Brethren.

In October came a note of sadness with saying farewell to Bro. Ron Barrow who has been an excellent supporter of

the Lodge during his stay in Vanuatu for the past year. To Bro. Ron and wife Betty we extend every good wish for a happy retirement in Jersey.

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THREE KINDS OF MASON

There are 3 kinds of Mason:

The Mason who has taken the degrees out of curiosity and after being accepted as a member never finds his way to the Lodge room and forgets what he has heard, but not understood.

The Mason who attends when an election is to take place, always pays his dues and demands to be buried with pomp and show.

The Mason, who at first

inception, begins to see the beauties of the lessons given in the conferring of the degrees and understands the teachings of Masonry and who studies to know and serve his Lodge with faithfulness. He pays every obligation, sustains his Lodge, accepts every assignment of duty and may be depended upon always for his work.

The first class never produces a real Mason. The ceremonies mean nothing and can mean nothing.

The second class is a drag upon society. The recognition and benefits are demanded, and the burden refused.

The third class makes possible that progress without which the Order would long ago have fallen into decay and been buried unknown in the great pyramids of the past.

“Montana Secretaries Bulletin”

THE NOBLE SCIENCE

Freemasonry cannot be taught – it must be learned. It is every man for himself; using as guides for his thought and in his study the great Masonic principles and precepts of the ages.

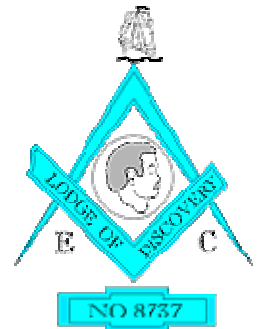
Receiving degrees does not make a man a Freemason. The various degrees, no matter how sublime and elevating to the mind, merely point out the way and provide a means of securing the most noble and valuable secrets of the Order. Our institution possesses a literature so broad

and so deep that alone it will furnish a good education to the man who studies it with a mind open to receive the great truths of life which are concealed from those who will not put forth the effort necessary to attain things worthwhile.

The practical object of Freemasonry is the physical and moral improvement, and the intellectual and spiritual advancement of individuals and society, and that there is nothing to be DONE in Freemasonry, is strongly deceived.

A Freemason should be a man of honour and of conscience independent in his opinions and of good morals; submissive to the laws, devoted to humanity, to his country, and ready to assist his fellows by all means in his power. To attain those qualities of character and life he must WORK at his Craft, and “continue to perform his allotted task while it is yet day”.

“Masonic Bulletin”



MASONIC ADVANCEMENT

There should be no favourites in any elective or appointive office in Masonry and merit alone should be considered when basing on the capability and proficiency of those chosen to serve his Brethren. Masonry is service with only one compensation and that is the satisfaction of work well done and with the gratitude of his Brethren.

Today, in this corrupt and materialistic world, there is very little to expect in the line of human gratitude, but there is one great “All-Seeing Eye” who sees all and knows all, who is ever merciful and benevolent to those with a big heart and who are lovers of humanity.

When we are given an assignment to serve our Breth-

ren in any capacity, we must take advantage of that opportunity to serve and do our duty to the utmost as expected, and not let time fly by until nothing worthwhile is left to show what has been done by the Brother.

**Bro. Michael Goldenberg,
P.G.M. Manila**

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THE ENTERED APPRENTICE

There came hush; the night
felt breathless, still,

And darkness lay about. But
there I stood

Exalted with a prayer that
I'd fulfil

A cherished hope to quit th'
encircling hood

That blinded sight, and left

me all alone.

Alone, yet not quite lost. A
hand to hold.

An aura strong of unseen
eyes on mine.

With faith and trust I entered
then, to kneel

Before my God, the Archi-
tect Divine.

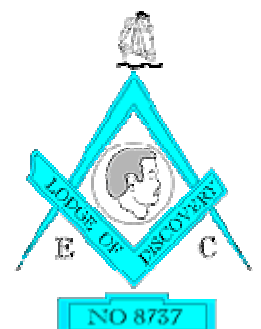
He met me there, no
Stranger now; at last

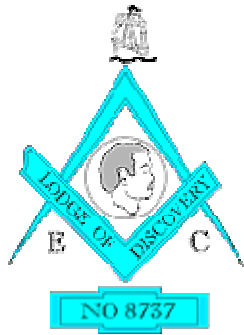
A Friend, a Guide, to help
me in my plight.

With steadier steps all dan-
gers now I passed,

The darkness fell away, and
there was Light.

I.B.C.





Freemasonry appeals to me, first by its fellowship; and next to the home and House of God, it is the most blessed influence in my life. Its simple and profound faith, its wise and practical philosophy – uniting the wisdom of love with the love of wisdom – illumine my mind, as its genius of fraternity warms my heart. But still more, Masonry appeals to me as an agency for the organisation of moral faith, practical brotherhood, and social idealism, the worth and power of which we have not yet realised. In a day when the brotherhood of the world is broken, our ancient and noble Craft has an opportunity, the like of which it has never known before to use its influence and power to spread that fraternal righteousness without which the future will be as dark as the past.

REFLECTIONS

Freemasonry holds a certain extremely simple and profound Secret for which words were never made and which can only be hinted at in Symbol and in Drama. There is something unique in Masonry. A tie unlike any other, uniting men of all ranks, types and temperaments into a closely-knit fellowship, something deep and tender which all of us feel, but which no one of us can analyse. We sit in Lodge together knowing exactly what comes next, we meet upon the Level and part upon the Square – old and familiar Symbols – and somehow no one knows how, a tie is woven as light as air, yet stronger than steel.

Square and Compass

MAIL BAG:

W. Bro. Tony Olsen writes from 20 Bruce Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington with greetings to all, and advising he has presented to The Brooklyn Lodge, No. 132 N.Z. Court at their November meeting, the beautifully crafted set of working tools sent as a gift by the Lodge. W. Bro. Olsen asks any Brethren visiting Wellington to contact him.

W. Bro. Robin Bibby (Editor's note: sadly now deceased) writes advising he has taken up a posting as Marine Officer in Hong Kong and sends fraternal greetings to all.

Bro. C.J.R. King writes from 143 Kowhai Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland with dues and greetings to all Brethren. Sadly he notes that "New Zealand currency has no value outside the country" which is unfortunately true!!!!

Humour

I've seen and heard some amusing things whilst in Lodge which are worth sharing –

In an initiation ceremony the candidate was at the door of the Lodge when a diligent Tyler saw a wallet sticking out of the candidate's back pocket. When asked the "do you feel anything?" the candidate replied, "Yes, some b*****d is stealing my wallet."

How about "the suppository of my secrets?"

Brethren, that should suffice for this Newsletter.

In future issues we hope to bring news of past members – where are they now?, their Masonic history etc., etc. and perhaps some humour as well.