



# The Discoverer

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## Greetings Brethren,

This month brings us to the second anniversary of the Discoverer—I trust that you find the various items of interest. Please do not hesitate to make suggestions for items for inclusion or any changes you'd like to see.

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## The Knocks

The Knock(s) on the outer door is an alarm or a signal that someone seeks admission, the same as a knock on one's front door. The Three distinct knocks are an allusion to the saying, 'seek and ye shall find: ask and ye shall have: knock and it shall be opened unto you.'

Some students hold the theory that the knock on the door of the Lodge are given by his 'friend' of proposer on his behalf by proxy. Perhaps a catechism in an old ritual supports this: -

Q: Who brought you to be a Freemason?

A: "A friend whom I afterwards found to be a brother".

Q: How did you gain admission?

A: "By three distinct knocks".

There are three distinct knocks to obtain admission, and three distinct knocks to pass each obstruction.

One theory, among many, is that there are three obstructions and three doors (one door real, and two symbolical) to be negotiated by the Candidate.

*Sourced from Why? 'Coming to Terms with Freemasonry' by Bro. John Cane PPG Supt Wks*

## Membership e-mail address list

A list of current members and their e-mail addresses is available on request.

### ***Choose the Happier Thought***

The next time you're faced with a challenging situation that gives rise to negative thoughts and bad feelings, find an *equally true* thought about the situation that makes you feel better and lean into it.

This doesn't mean that you deny the negative it just says that you pay more attention to the positive part of the truth.

The classic measure of optimism, seeing the glass half full rather than half empty, is the perfect example of leaning into the *equally true* but happier thought.

Here is a real life example: Have you ever been on a deadline and thought, *"I can't get this done on time"*. The next time you are having this type of negative, self defeating thought, search your mind for positive thoughts that are equally true.

Such as *"I always manage to get things done" "I can always seek help with this" The more I relax the more the ideas flow through me"*

Lean into these Positive Thoughts and you will find yourself feeling better.

*Adapted From Ladies Home Journal May 2008*

### ***A Message for Life and Living***

Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling **FIVE** balls in the air. You name them-

**Work, Family, Health, Friends and Spirit –**

and you're keeping all of these in the air.

You will soon understand that **work is a rubber ball.**

If you drop it, it will bounce back.

**But the others are all made of Glass.**

**If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered.**

**They will never be the same**

**Your must understand this and strive for balance in your life.**

*Brian Dyson – former CEO of Coca Cola.*

## A Tale of the Old West

This is a tale of some Masons surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, and discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old Mason listened patiently, and finally spoke up.

*"I can tell you more about Freemasonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic Philosophers can in books.*

*Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire."*

They did that

*"Now hold hands" They did that too.*

*"Now what do you see looking ahead?"*

*"The face of a Brother Mason through the flames"*

*"What do you feel in front of you?"*

*"The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night.*

*"What do you feel at your side?"*

*"The warm hand of a Brother"*

*"OK . Now drop your hands, and turn around" They did so.*

*"Now what do you see, looking ahead?"*

*"Complete darkness"*

*"What do you feel, looking ahead?"*

*"A sense of loneliness, of being alienated"*

*"What do you feel at your side?"*

*"Nothing at all"*

*"What do you feel on your backside?"*

*"The warmth of the fire"*

*"So it is with Freemasonry" said the old man.*

In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Freemasonry brings you, and you can always feel the warm hand of a Brother.

When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the World, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of a Masonic Brother.

But Masonry, and the warmth it brings, are just a turn away from you.

## Who Does What & When?

Brethren, as we approach the beginning of another Masonic Year, and the strategic planning for Installations, effective meetings, education, social evenings etc, begins, I wish to share the following with you. Please note that I have adapted this old saying for Masonic use.

There are three types of Masons within our Fraternity.

1. **Those who make things happen**
2. **Those who watch things happen**
3. **Those who ask "What Happened"**

There may be one other type in our Fraternity that says *"I have done my bit and it is time for someone else to step forward and take over"*

May I suggest to those in the category above that somewhere in **YOUR** Lodge there is at least one relatively **NEW** Mason that would love the opportunity to *"Make Things Happen"* but is uncertain of the process.

That is where you come in as a **MENTOR and GUIDE.**

For the benefit of us all, please take this wonderful and important step and through your wisdom & experience harness this enthusiasm for the Good of Freemasonry in General & Your Lodge in Particular.

### Friendship Believes All Things

Friends are patient and kind, they are not jealous or boastful, they are not arrogant or rude.

Friends do not insist on having their own way, they are not irritable or resentful, they do not rejoice at wrong, but delight in what is right.

Friendship bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Friendship NEVER ends.

### Masonic Quotes

Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality.

[LAFAYETTE]

Freemasonry is an establishment founded on the benevolent intention of extending and conferring mutual happiness upon the best and truest principles of moral life and social virtue.

[CALCOTT]

Everything which tends to combine men by stronger ties is useful to humanity; in this point of view Masonry is entitled to respect.

[LALANDE]

## Trust

Trust is such a simple word, but it has the strength to hold personal relationships together, or to command the loyalty of a nation's people.

We learn to trust our lives to our parents as children, and as we get older we add complete strangers whether they are doctors, military officers, police, airline pilots, or the engineers who design our bridges and skyscrapers for example.

When we trust, we are saying that we believe the "trusted" individual to be being honest, forthright, reliable, and will not cheat or betray us.

Sometimes trust must be earned, but more often or not, we implicitly trust people simply because that's what we have been taught at home and are used to.

Funny thing about trust, though. Once it has been betrayed, it is virtually impossible to gain it back 100%.

We can try to forget, but there will always be at least that sliver of doubt and what a traumatic and emotionally painful event that can be.

Thus we must make sure to closely guard the trust bestowed on us by others and hope that others will know us and deem us to be trustworthy.

We know that there are those who prey on the trust of others.

The business man who deceives trusting clients, those who fabricate the trust for personal gain and , the cheater who betrays a lover; these are all people who take advantage of the trust others put into them and brake that trust for personal financial interests or temporary satisfaction.

They have sold a piece of their soul to get there.

This is not what Freemasons do. One cannot be a true Freemason if he behaves like this toward others, particularly toward Brother Freemasons.

Being Freemasons, trust is ultimately the reason we take the obligations we do, and commit to a life of spiritual living & growth.

It is part of standing uprightly as a Freemason, something we swore to do when we took our obligation as an Entered Apprentice.

When we are recognized by our fellow Brothers as Freemasons, they must know that we understand and appreciate the promises that we made and we are living by those valuable tenets of our Institution (the same ones they made) and so we can be fully trusted. And as long as we live by those tenets, we can never find ourselves to be proven untrustworthy.

*Taken in part from an article titled "Trustworthy"*

### Lodge Birthdays

Derek Butterfield	36 (J HM)
Jock Hannaford	36 (J HM)
Doug Bailey	9
Kevin Green	5
Jim Woodford	4

## THE THREE GREAT PILLARS

Freemasonry is symbolic. Its thoughts, teachings and morality are prompted throughout the world by its symbols.

The Pillars are the symbols of architectural creation used by Freemasonry as reference points to provide ideas and teachings under the headings of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

It is wonderful what those words mean to Freemasons. The great idea of Freemasonry in presenting to the eyes of the Freemasons the symbols of Lodges is to train their minds and thoughts to be continually on a high plain. Also to prevent the growth of passions and feelings which can cause worry and unhappiness, both in relation to other Freemasons and to those with whom they associate.

Freemasons need not be unduly concerned that the Pillars in Lodges are neither architecturally true nor accurate replicas of those parts of the Orders from which they have been evolved. Few Temples exhibit true Ionic, Doric and Corinthian Pillars or Orders. But, let them be appreciated for what they are, namely, symbols to help in the promotion of high ideals. In the learning process, the association of ideas stimulates mental activity and advancement.

It is now proposed to touch on the characteristics of each Pillar as an introduction to a more detailed evaluation of their value as guides to sound conduct.

In a general sense, Pillars – amongst other things – denote dependability. This image has developed over the centuries because it is known that although Pillars have carried the weight of the main structure throughout the life of the building, they are often the only parts still standing amongst its ruins. Even today, in our world of commerce, this image of dependability is used to promote confident patronage. Pillars and Columns are used in a variety of shapes and sizes to form part of the façade of public buildings. They also appear on a full range of documents, e.g. Diplomas, Degrees and Certificates, and serve to convey to the observer the high ideals of the issuing organisation.

Characteristically, the three Great Pillars may be described as follows:



The **IONIC** Pillar is remarkable for its capital scroll which is believed to have derived from the Egyptian lotus. In height, it is 9 times its diameter and has at least 24 channels on its shaft. This Pillar was used as early as 600 B.C.

**Wisdom**

The **DORIC** Pillar is recognized as the most sturdy, being only 7 times its diameter in height. Its base has no distinguishing features and its capital is short and plain. The sturdy shaft has 20 channels on it. This Order of Architecture was used in the Temple of Poseidon and in Doric Temples dating back to 700 B.C.

**Strength**





The **CORINTHIAN** Pillar was used less by the Greeks than any other Order. Its most distinctive feature is the deep capital which is bell-shaped and intricately decorated by acanthus leaves. There are no channels on its slender shaft, and the Pillar is 10 times its diameter in height. The Temple of Apollo is a Corinthian example which dates back to 600 – 500 B.C.

### Beauty

The basis of these Orders of Architecture is character – character of strength, grace and eloquence, and of lightness and richness. The Doric form expresses simplicity and solidarity compared to the elegance of the Corinthian; the Ionic indicates a quality intermediate between the two.

Bounded on one side by strength and elegance on the other, the moral to be observed from the Ionic Pillar is that Freemasons should not aim to be solid pillars of society or to seek extreme elegance or luxuriousness by living wholly to themselves, but to combine the solidness of character with the beauty of fine language, kindly deeds and noble thoughts in all their actions.

The Ionic Pillar teaches Freemasons to search for knowledge of the Great Architect, and through wisdom to obtain the Truth of the works of nature. This will enable them to appreciate that the source of all wisdom will sustain our steps on the journey leading to eternal life.

## VOTING

Except where ballots need to be conducted, the usual manner of voting by brethren in lodges on motions or nominations for appointment to positions to indicate assent (or non-assent) is by extending the right hand forward palm downwards horizontally so that it may be seen by the Master as the chairman of the meeting.

The Book of Constitutions provides that the votes of members in Grand Lodge are to be signified by each 'holding up' one hand but, in practice, hands are not brought higher than the horizontal position.

Although in most outside organisations votes by hand are usually given with the right hand vertically above the head which would seem to facilitate counting as against the manner used in lodges, the Masonic method appears to have been accepted practice among Masons for a very long time.

Where there are an equal number of votes cast for and against any motion or nomination, the Master of the Lodge has the authority to exercise a second or casting vote.

## INVESTITURE

Investiture in Freemasonry relates to the formal clothing of brethren with their insignia of office, this traditional conferment of symbols endowing them with a particular status, authority or power. First, candidates for Freemasonry are invested with their distinguishing aprons by the Senior Wardens of lodges following the successful completion of each of their 3 degrees.

Following the installation of each Master into the Chair of his lodge, the Installation ceremony continues with the investiture of all elected and appointed lodge officers with the collar and attached jewel of their respective offices by either the Master or a member of the installing team.

In a similar way, the investiture of Grand Officers to support the Grand Master during his year of office follows the installation of the Grand Master.

## ALLEGORY

Allegory is a metaphorical or figurative form of narrative in which a deeper, and usually moral, significance underlies a superficial and obvious story, or in other words, is the description of a subject under the guise of some other apparently unrelated subject but of suggestive resemblance.

It differs from a parable or fable in that the former inculcates a single lesson or principle only, while the latter is a narration of physically impossible events.

The Masonic message is said to be 'veiled in allegory'. By this, it is meant that the presentation of our Masonic art is effected by the use of allegory which, in this case, pertains to the construction of King Solomon's Temple 3,000 years ago.

The narrative is ostensibly related to possible material events and circumstances associated with the building of the temple but its real intention is to set forth a code or formula of principles and tenets to provide brethren with guidelines for good and virtuous living.

### THE FELLOWSHIP WE SHARE

The mystique of the unsaid word  
The tokens we bestow  
The guarded secrets that we take  
Everywhere we go  
Carry them with honour  
Nurture them with care  
So future men may comprehend  
The fellowship we share

J. BAU

## Famous Freemasons — Part 17

**Herbert Sutcliffe** born at Summerbridge, Nidderdale, North Yorkshire; died 22 January 1978 at Cross Hills, North Yorkshire) was an English professional cricketer who represented Yorkshire and England as an opening batsman. Apart from one match in 1945, his first-class career spanned the period between the two World Wars. His first-class debut was delayed by the First World War until 1919 and his career was effectively terminated in August 1939 when he was called up for military service in the imminent Second World War. A right-handed batsman, Sutcliffe was noted for his concentration and determination, qualities which made him invaluable to his teams in adverse batting conditions; and he is remembered as one of the game's finest "bad wicket batsmen". His fame rests mainly in the great opening partnership he formed with Jack Hobbs for England between 1924 and 1930. He also formed notable opening partnerships at Yorkshire with Percy Holmes and, in his last few seasons, the young Len Hutton. During Sutcliffe's career, Yorkshire won the County Championship 12 times. Sutcliffe played in 54 Test matches for England and on three occasions he toured Australia, where he enjoyed outstanding success. His last tour in 1932–33 included the controversial "bodyline" series, in which Sutcliffe is perceived to have been one of Douglas Jardine's main supporters. Although close friends have stated that Sutcliffe did not approve of bodyline, he always acted out of fierce loyalty to his team captain and was committed to his team's cause. In statistical terms, Sutcliffe was one of the most successful Test batsmen ever; his completed career batting average was 60.73 which is the highest by any English batsman and the sixth-highest worldwide (i.e., of Test batsmen with 10 completed innings).

**Jonathan Swift** - Clergyman and satirist, he wrote *Gulliver's Travels*.

**William Howard Taft** - Civil governor of the Philippines, Secretary of War, Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court and twenty-seventh President of the U.S. 27th President of the USA. Made a Mason "at sight" in Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Thomas Telford** – Scottish- born road, bridge and canal builder and an architect of world fame. Salopian Lodge No. 262 Premier, UGLE.

**Dave Thomas** - Founder of the very popular Wendy's Restaurants (Hamburger chain), publicly he was the grandfatherly star of commercials. Both privately and publicly, however, he did extensive work promoting the cause of orphans, something he had been in his own youth. The hamburgers at Wendy's are square as a reminder of Dave's motto: "Never cut corners." Dave was active in the Scottish Rite Philanthropies including their Children's Hospital program. His mentor in the restaurant business was another Mason, Col. Harland Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame. Sol D. Bayless Lodge No. 359, Fort Wayne IN. 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree. AASR. Grand Cross.

**Tommy Trinder** was an English stage, screen and radio comedian of the pre and post war years whose catchphrase was 'You lucky people'. He was one of the best-loved comedians in Britain during the period from the late 1930s until the 1960s. He was fast-talking and quick-witted and well-suited to stand up comedy in front of a live audience. His catch phrases, 'You lucky people!' and 'If it's laughter you're after, Trinder's the name', combined with his trademarks; the trilby hat, the leering smile and the wagging finger were almost universally recognised in Britain. He was a life-long devoted supporter of Fulham Football Club and was chairman of the club between 1959 and 1976.

## Humour

### Puns for the Educated

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire, and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

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King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

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A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

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An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the Medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew, and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

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A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely, saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

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There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one slept on an elk skin, and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant. The first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This just goes to prove that the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.

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A sceptical anthropologist was cataloguing South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal elder who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the elder looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, you don't need enemas."

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#### Forget...

Forget the hasty, unkind word; Forget the slander you have heard;  
Forget the quarrel and the cause; Forget the whole affair, because,  
Forgetting is the only way. Forget the storm of yesterday;  
Forget the knocker, and the squeak; forget the bad day of the week.  
Forget you're not a millionaire; Forget the gray streaks in your hair;  
Forget to even get the blues -- But don't forget to Pay Your Dues!