

The Discoverer

Greetings Brethren,

Special points of interest:

- 2011 Installation
- How we started
- Consecration & First Installation

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter. I trust you will continue to find articles of interest - be they historical or current. Please send me any items you would like included. I can be contacted by snail mail—P. O. Box 359, Port Vila, Vanuatu, S.W. Pacific, or e-mail achurchill@vanuatu.com.vu. Current Lodge information can also be seen on our website www.LOD8737.org

Fraternally and Sincerely

Alan Churchill, Editor & Secretary, Lodge of Discovery

Installation—2011



On Saturday 12th March 2011 the 35th Master of the Lodge—Bro. Bernie Cain—was installed in accordance with ancient custom followed by an excellent Installation Dinner with the ladies at the Palms Resort & Casino (formerly Le Meridien).

Bernie was initiated into our Lodge on 10th June 2003.

Born in Brisbane on 13th June 1951 he was raised and educated in Brisbane before going onto Queensland Institute of Technology where he received a Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.

Employed at Queensland Works Dept, Engineering Branch 1972-75 then moved on to CSIRO Meat Research where he stayed until 1986. Married, had a daughter, and divorced in that time.

At the end of 1986 he went to PNG as air-conditioning manager for a subsidiary of Steamships leaving in 1990. He returned to Brisbane and then came to Vanuatu in 1993 when he bought Vila Refrigeration (recently re-branded as Vila Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning in their new complex at the Wharf Roundabout).

He married Tess in Port Vila in 2000 and Lachlan came along in Jan 2004. Bernie's main interest is golf and he is the current President of the Mele Golf & Country Club. By the way, he plays off an 18 handicap.

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From humble beginnings.....

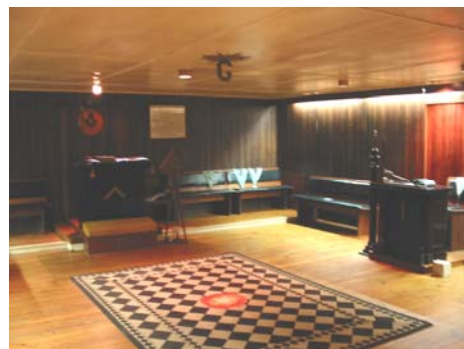
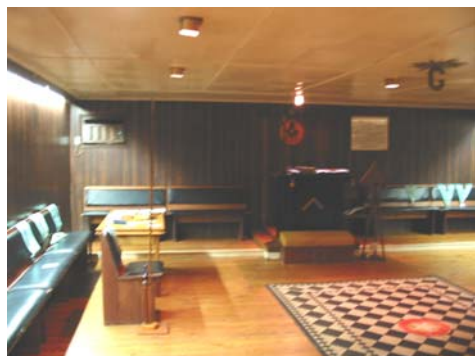


The First Step

Most new Lodges are founded for one of three reasons, the first is that an existing Lodge becomes too large and some of its members feel that a new Lodge will help to spread the Light. The second, that a number of Masons in a town without a Lodge have to travel a great distance to attend one, and decide that a new Lodge offers good prospects for the future. The third reason, fortunately infrequent, is that some members may not see eye to eye with others about important principles or policies. Rather than create conflict, they propose setting up a new Lodge and, Masons being Masons, the Lodge often agrees to act as a sponsor. Throughout its history, organized Freemasonry has recorded these breakaways

In Port Vila, the second reason was one of the deciding factors which led to the formation of the present Lodge. In spite of an earlier effort there was no Lodge in the New Hebrides and the nearest Lodges, in Fiji and the Solomon Islands, were a couple of hours flying and a few hundred dollars away. Moreover, the fact that such a visit would involve an absence of at least three days, made it impracticable.

Feeling the need of closer contact with brother Masons and convinced that others felt like him, W. Bro. Derrick Butterfield put a notice in the New Hebrides News, the newsletter of the British Residency, inviting anyone interested in the foundation of a Masonic Lodge to write to him at P.O. Box 883. This notice appeared on the 18th July 1975 and the response was encouraging.



Consecration & 1st Installation—26th February 1977

**LODGE OF DISCOVERY
No 8737 E.C.**



**CONSECRATION CEREMONY
AND
CEREMONY OF THE INSTALLATION
OF
BRO. ROBIN ASTON BARNES
AS
MASTER**

Hong Kong and New Zealand House, Vila
New Hebrides
Saturday 26th February 1977
CONSECRATING OFFICER
Very Worshipful Brother K.J. Wilkin
Grand Inspector, Fiji Group of Lodges
United Grand Lodge of England
Installing Master
Worshipful Brother W.G. Halstead P.G.St.B.
Director of Ceremonies
Worshipful Brother N. Stevenson

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION

V.W. Bro. K.J. WilkinGrand Inspector
W. Bro. N. StevensonDirector of Ceremonies
P.M. Lodge Lautoka
W. Bro. A. HatfieldSenior Warden
IPM Lodge Melanesia
W. Bro. R. WilcockJunior Warden
WM Lodge of Fiji
W. Bro. J. PattieChaplain
PM Rewa Lodge of Viti
W. Bro. P. BrownInner Guard
or W. Bro. D.N. Wilson
W. Bro. D.F. Butterfield Tyler
or Bro. J. Hannaford

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

The lodge will be opened in the First Degree
by
W. Bro. B.N. Rankin
W.M. Rewa Lodge of Viti No 2238 E.C.

CALL OFF

CALL ON AT 7 pm
Visiting Brethren Admitted
Reception of The Grand Inspector of the Fiji
Islands Group of Lodges
V.W. Bro. K.J. Wilkin
Accompanied by Grand Officers and holders of
District and Overseas Grand Rank

V.W. Bro. B.N. Rankin requests
W. Bro. W.G. Halstead P.G. St. B.
to carry out the Ceremony of Installation.

ENTERED APPRENTICES RETIRE
Installing Officers Appointed

W. Bro. A. Hatfield as Senior Warden
W. Bro. R. Wilcock as Junior Warden
W. Bro. P. Brown as Inner Guard
or W. Bro. D.N. Wilson
W. Bro. N. Stevenson will undertake the duties of D.C.

The Lodge will be opened in the
Second Degree
Presentation of Master Designate
Address by the Installing Master
FELLOW CRAFTS RETIRE

The Lodge will be opened in the
Third Degree
Anthem
Brethren below the rank of Installed Master retire

Board of Installed Masters Constituted
Installation of
Bro. Robin Aston Barnes
as Master

CALL OFF

CALL ON

MASTER MASONS ADMITTED

Procession Anthem
Proclamation
Presentation of Working Tools by Bro. G. Owen
The Lodge is resumed in the Second Degree

FELLOW CRAFTS ADMITTED

Procession Anthem
Proclamation
Presentation of Working Tools by Bro. R. King or Bro. H. Mol
The Lodge is resumed in the First Degree

ENTERED APPRENTICES ADMITTED

Procession Anthem
Proclamation
Presentation of Working Tools by Bro. R. Tolleson

Presentation of the Charter from The United Grand
Lodge of England and The Book of Constitutions

INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

Address to the W.M. by W. Bro. A. Hatfield
Address to the Wardens by W. Bro. N. Stevenson
Address to the Brethren by V.W. Bro. K.J. Wilkin G. I.

FIRST RISING

The Grand Inspector and Grand Lodge Officers retire
SECOND AND THIRD RISING
Greetings followed by J.W.'s invitation to refreshment
LODGE CLOSED

LIST OF OFFICERS

1977 – 1978

MASTER	W. Bro. Robin Aston Barnes
Senior Warden	Bro. G. Owen
Junior Warden	Bro. H. Mol
Chaplain	W. Bro. D.F. Butterfield
Treasurer	W. Bro. R. Bibby
Secretary	W. Bro. D.F. Butterfield
Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro. R. Bibby
Senior Deacon	Bro. N. Westley
Junior Deacon	Bro. W. Stewart
Almoner	Bro. R. King
Organist	
Inner Guard	Bro. R. Tolleson
Tyler	Bro. J. Hannaford

**INSTALLATION BANQUET
Toasts**

The Queen and the Craft	proposed by W.M.
The MW Grand Master	proposed by W.M.
Absent Brethren	proposed by W.M.
United Grand Lodge of England	proposed by W. Bro. R. Bibby response V.W. Bro. K.J. Wilkin
Newly Installed Master	proposed by W. Bro. W.G. Halstead response W. Bro. R.A. Barnes
The Officers of the Lodge	proposed by W. Bro. N.S. Stevenson response Bro. G. Owen
The Visitors	proposed by W. Bro. D.F. Butterfield responses by Visitors
The Tyler's Toast	proposed by Bro. J. Hannaford

Auld Land Syne

National Anthem

Queensland Flood Relief Appeal

In response to the recent floods in Queensland, Australia Bro. Bryan Death organised a container to be sent to those needy people who lost their homes and belongings in the devastating floods.



There was an over-whelming response from the good people of Port Vila who filled the container with clothing, shoes, household goods, toys etc.

Local business houses pledged their support and a fund-raising Banquet took place at the Chinese Club in Port Vila on 19 February.

At this Banquet all of the food and beverage was donated and over \$35,000 was raised on the night with the support of a super auction and a monster raffle. Local businesses donated prizes for the auction and the raffle.

The Lodge made a good donation to the United Grand Lodge Grand Master's Flood Relief Appeal Fund.

Thought for the month

Start viewing the World by focussing on potentially optimistic viewpoints rather than on the negative prognostications of pessimists and "Victims".

TRUST

Trust is just 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 honest, forthright, reliable, and will not cheat or betray us.

Sometimes trust must be earned, but more often than 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 businessman 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 break that trust for personal 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 to others, particularly Brother Freemasons. Being Freemasons, trust is ultimately the reason we take the obligations we do, and commit to a life of spiritual living and 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 recognised 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** by W. Bro. John L. Ciccotelli, Master of the Blue Hill Lodge, Canton, Massachusetts and reproduced in **THE EDUCATOR**.*

Humour

A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as it was no great distance he would go on his bicycle. Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a back pedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge. Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honour, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the WM knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord.

A Brother was driving home after a Lodge meeting, and a festive board which had consisted on many takings of wine. Sure enough a blue light followed the car, and he pulled over to the side of the road. Thinking that the policeman might be a Freemason, he placed his driving licence and insurance documents in his ritual book. When the police officer asked for his driving licence he made a great play of taking it from his ritual book, but the policeman made no reaction whatsoever. The same with his insurance documents. He was then asked to blow into the breathalyser which proved positive. He gave the sign of distress, which was ignored. The policeman started to write notes in his pocket book. At this point, the Brother was needing to go to the toilet, so asked the Police Officer if he could retire to the bushes in order to restore himself to his personal comforts. The officer replied "Certainly sir, and on your return, I shall read to you a charge....."

A Mason who had just been installed as Master of his lodge and was duly attending all the functions he could was having a hard time with his wife who said... " All those masters-in-office have to do is click their fingers and you would be there wouldn't you?.....I wish I was a master!" After due thought, he said... "So do I dear..... we swap them for a new one every year!!"

What is the difference between a Director of Ceremonies and a Middle Eastern terrorist?
You can negotiate with the terrorist!

While acting as I.G. I asked our candidate if he felt anything. Being a true Scotsman he replied "a wee prick."
