

PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE
THE DISCOVERER PROJECT

Help Sheet for circulation to members of your Lodge before the questionnaire.

An explanation of the Discoverer Project for Lodge members

Your Worshipful Master has received from the Province master-copies of something called the **Discoverer** Project, intended for use in your Lodge .

Discoverer is a questionnaire by means of which a Lodge asks pertinent questions of itself about how it is run and how the members view their membership. Lodges where a similar questionnaire has been trialled have found it a very useful exercise.

It is intended for all active members of the Lodge, regardless of any seniority, including those new to the Craft.

It is entirely confidential to the Lodge. No names are written on the questionnaire and no feedback or report is expected or required by Province or your Group.

The questionnaire, ideally, is filled in during a meeting of your Lodge. It need not be a regular Lodge meeting. It could be a full meeting of members following a committee meeting, for example. What matters is that everyone, or nearly everyone, is there.

It is essential that all active members have the opportunity to fill in the questionnaire, so in some cases it may need to be sent to absent members. But they must reply very quickly with their responses.

The Worshipful Master as the Senior Member of your Lodge, presides over the whole process, though he may delegate to a member suitably talented in arithmetic the task of collating replies and working out the results.

Following this, another meeting of the Lodge (regular or 'Emergency') is ear-marked for maximum attendance of members during which you discuss the results and the issues raised by the questionnaire.

Necessary issues are then taken up by the Lodge.

The questionnaire will take about fifteen minutes to complete and takes the form of a series of tick-boxes.

The Province offers this investigative tool to the Lodge in order to assist with your development and in making decisions about your future.