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To the Worshipful Masters of all West Lancashire Lodges

Dear Worshipful Master,

For some time, a small team of 'grass-roots' Masons have been developing for the Province a tool, in the form of a questionnaire, with which a Lodge can take a 'snapshot' of the feelings and opinions of its members regarding the running of the Lodge and its success as an organisation.

The result is the **Discoverer** questionnaire, which is sent to you in order that you can consider making use of it in your Lodge. I think you will agree that the brethren who have created it are in touch with the most important current issues facing Masonic Lodges, and have not been frightened to pose searching questions.

The questionnaire is entirely private to your Lodge. No feedback is required or expected by your Group or by the Province. We have simply provided it so that your Lodge can have the private opportunity of exploring where it stands and where it is going, in a frank and confidential way.

Detailed instructions on its use are enclosed but, put briefly, this is how it works:

1. At your suggestion, the Lodge decides to make use of the questionnaire.
2. You collect from your Group Secretary, or download from our website, master copies of forms and explanatory information and the lodge produces sufficient for your membership. Alternatively you can photocopy the documents we have sent you by post.
3. You arrange for a meeting of your Lodge for the purpose of filling in the forms.
4. You, or an appropriate chosen member, undertake the 'scoring' by adding up the responses to each question.
5. You arrange an occasion on which the results of the questionnaire can be discussed by your membership, at whatever length is thought necessary.
6. Your Lodge subsequently, if the evidence is sufficiently strong, implements development into its practices in line with the demonstrated preferences of the majority of its members.

The **Discoverer** Project is offered as an extremely serious tool with which to analyse and consider how your Lodge works and how it might otherwise work. By sending it direct to you, the Province is demonstrating how seriously they consider what can be achieved by using the questionnaire. You are undeniably the Senior Member, and Presiding Officer of your Lodge. We hope that you will take advantage of your position to encourage the use of **Discoverer** and follow the process through to its conclusion. (If you are about to leave the Chair this month, please give this material to your successor).

Thank you very much for giving your time to this matter. The Province very much hopes that your Lodge will benefit from the **Discoverer** Project.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

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Provincial Grand Secretary