



Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society

June 2006

Greetings, members and friends,

As you read this, our course “An Introduction to Theosophy” will be over. It seems to have been most successful and as a consequence we are privileged to welcome no fewer than ten new members to the Lodge. They are

Andrew Baillie

Plony de Goederen

Shelley Sjaarda

Julie Bainbridge

Valerie Hoogland

Soo Ming Hoo

Miyuki Yavari

Rachel Baker

Lesley Sampson

Ricci Wesselink

We also give a belated welcome to Tim Sitwell.
with us.

We are delighted to have them

Special General Meeting

The Lodge is about to renew its charitable status, and is required to include a new paragraph into its Constitution. The opportunity is taken for a couple of further minor amendments. It is hoped that the session will be very short as none of these seems to be controversial, so the meeting is called as a start to our normal members meeting on 11th June, i.e. at 7.30 pm.

The following amendments are proposed to the constitution of the Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society (Inc.):

1. Rule 6 (d): the words “New Zealand Section Executive” be replaced by “New Zealand Section National Council” (the correct title)

2. Rule 8 (h): the word “Five” be replaced by the word “Four” (a quorum of five has proved unworkable)

3. Rule 9 (d): the word “therefore” be replaced by “therefor” (as intended)

4. Rule 11: the number “(i)” be added after “Rule 11”, and at the end of this Rule be added

“(ii) Personal Benefit

The Income and Property of the Lodge whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or

otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society. Any such income shall be reasonable and may be less than but shall not exceed that which would be paid in an arms length transaction (being open market value).”

(a requirement of the Charities Commission to give tax exemption).

June Programme

4 June Queen's Birthday (No meeting)

11 June

Special General Meeting, followed by members meeting.

Title: **Theosophy and the Great Hedge**. Presenter: **Brian Stokes**

In the 19th century an impenetrable hedge 2500 miles long was formed in India to protect the Salt Tax. A. O. Hume, an early theosophist, was Secretary of Customs. There will be pot-luck vegetarian meal beforehand at 6 pm.

18 June

Title: **Remote Viewing**. Presenter: **Leo Swart**

This is the name given to a combination of Clairvoyance and Astral travel that the Scientific community gave it when structured research into the phenomena was started back in the '70s. Leo will describe developments and share practice with it to see how we rate as "Remote Viewers".

25 June

Title: **Practical Hermeticism** Presenter: **Aelred Edmonds (Dunedin)**

Aelred will ask the basic question 'what might a practical, living, contemporary occult hermeticism look like?'

From TS Headquarters:

Wanted: Enthusiastic, compassionate and committed co-workers to help develop and facilitate the pilot programme 'Consciously living, Consciously Dying'. This programme, as a service to the New Zealand public is designed to share theosophical concepts in a practical manner.

To find out more please email me on edcoord@theosophy.org.nz with a phone number and a suitable time for me to call you.

Full training will be given for this very important role.

Warm regards, Sandy Ravelli (Education Co-ordinator) TSNZ

The Enneagram

This shape (shown at the start of the newsletter) was first used by Sufi mystics and adapted by the Jesuits. It is used in modern psychology as a personality test, with disintegration of personality taken in the order 1-4-2-8-5-7 and integration in the reverse order. The remarkable similarity with one-seventh as a decimal may explain the order. Your task is much simpler - what is the angle 1-4-2? (The points are on a regular nonagon.)

A reminder: Subs became due on 1 October 2005. A red cross on your address? - it's time!

To find yourself, think for yourself. Socrates

With kind regards from Brian, Charles, Christine, David, Fiona, John, Leo, Tony and Vicki.

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The Lodge meets on Sundays at 7.30 pm. Light supper provided.

Enneagram: 20° (put in the radii)

Programme: June 2006

- 4th** No meeting
- 11th** **Special General Meeting**
 followed by
 Theosophy and the
 Great Hedge
 (Brian Stokes)
 6 pm: Pot-luck meal
- 18th** **Remote Viewing**
 (Leo Swart)
- 25th** **Practical Hermeticism**
 (Aelred Edmonds)