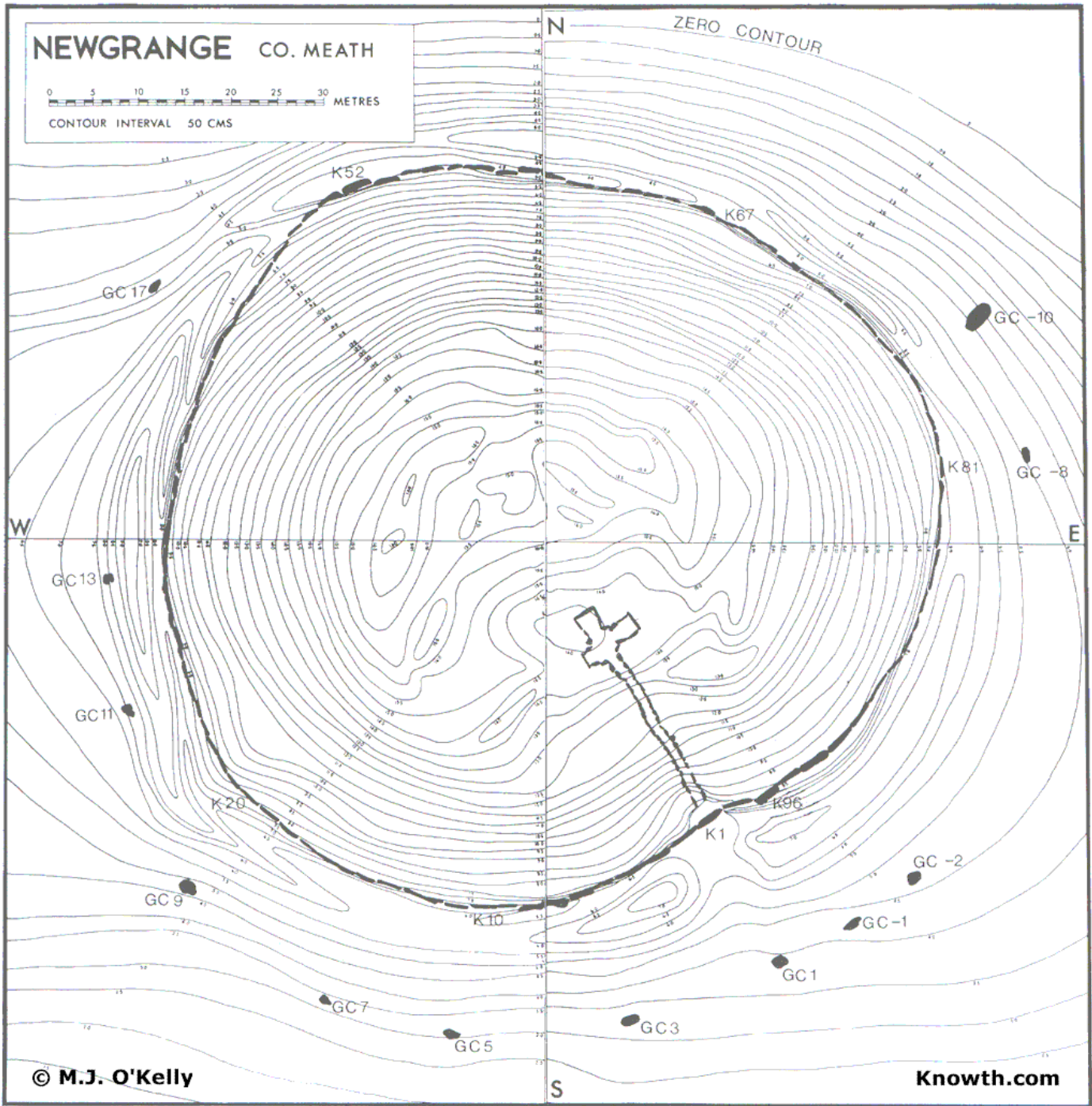
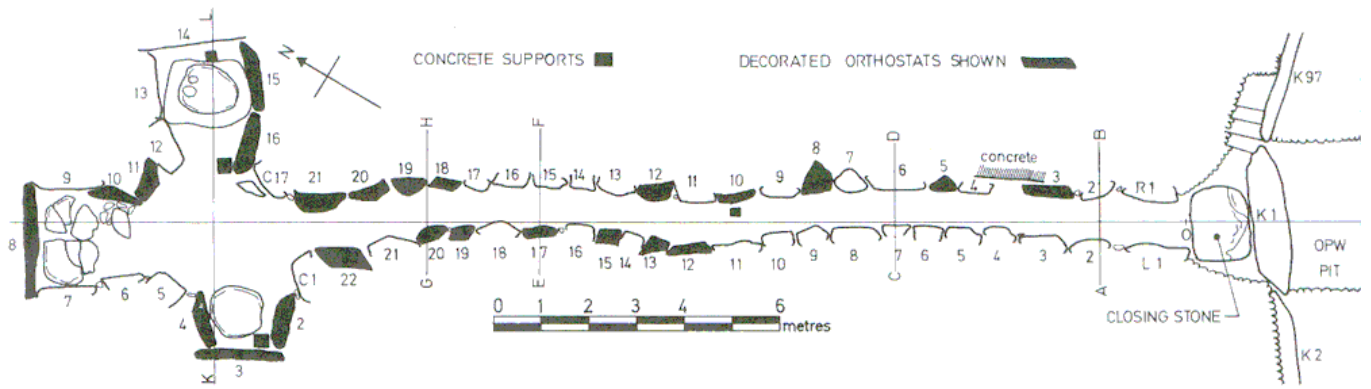




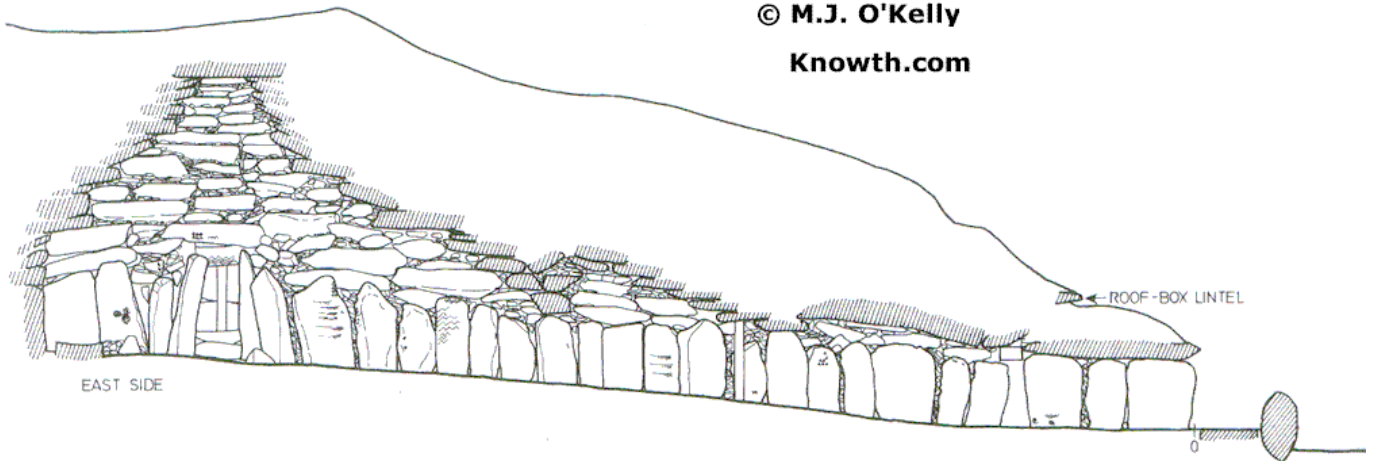
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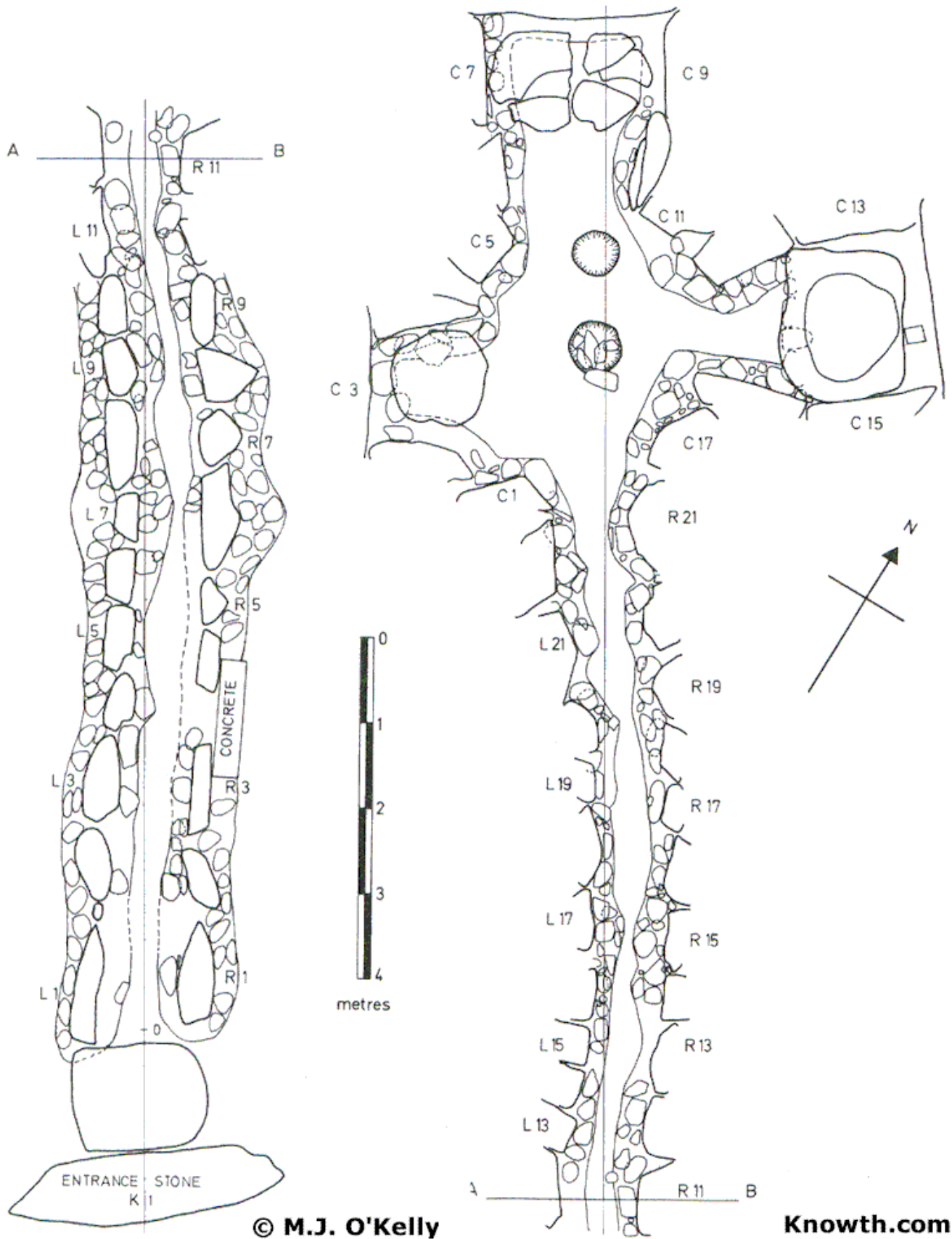
Plan of mound at Newgrange showing the passage and chamber



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Plan and sectional elevation of the passage and chamber before excavation



Plan of the passage and chamber, the passage is shown in 2 sections

Newgrange is one of the finest examples, not only in Ireland, but in Western Europe, of the type of tomb known as a passage-grave. Newgrange was constructed 5000 years ago, around 3000 BC. It belongs to a

time when stone, not metal, was the everyday material for tools and weapons. No metal has yet been found in a primary context in an Irish passage-grave.

The tomb consists, as the name passage-grave implies, of a passage and chamber, the walls and roof of which are built of large slabs without mortar. A large circular mound or cairn of stones covers the tomb and a kerb of massive slabs laid on their long edges, ends touching, surrounds the base of the cairn and was intended to act as a retaining feature. Surrounding the mound but situated from 7 to 17 metres outside it, is a circle of tall, widely-spaced standing-stones. [More...](#)

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