

Uncovering Freemasonry



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"Freemasonry exists for one supreme purpose. Our individual lives, and the life of our society, depend on men who recognize the need to dedicate themselves to the difficult and demanding task of building character, and practicing brotherhood."

The Grand Master speaks about,
'A wee bit more modern'[click here](#)

Gary L. Atkinson, Current
Grand Master of Ontario

In Ontario, there are 57,664 Masons and 611 lodges. The Grand Lodge is in Hamilton, Ontario.

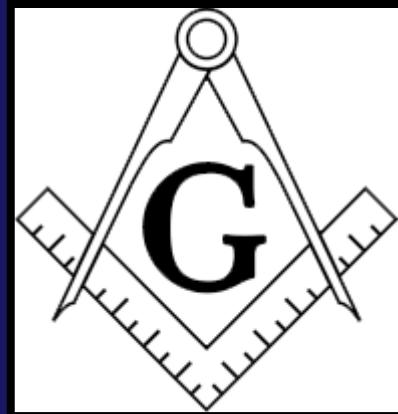
Masonic Tombstones



For Masonic Burial Rituals, see:

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/mas/omtx/omtx14.htm>

What is Freemasonry?



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It is the world's largest (6 million members) and oldest (3,000 years old) fraternal organization. Freemasons believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

It is a secret (or esoteric) society. Its' doctrine is veiled in mystery to those who are uninitiated.

There are numerous levels of involvement (33 degrees) and masons can rise higher and higher in their rank over time.

A Day in the Life of a Freemason

By Nick Pollotta, Entered Apprentice

After reading a list of how many Freemasons have done things that added to the everyday world around us, I began to wonder what would be the ultimate 'Freemason' day...

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In a crash of cymbals, you awake to the alarm clock playing "The Star Spangled Banner" (Francis Scott Key). Extracting yourself from the tangle sheets as if you were a professional escape artist (Harry Houdini), you put on the kettle (Paul Revere), grab a quick shave (King C. Gillette), drink a fast cup of tea (Sir Thomas Lipton), hop into your car (Walter P. Chrysler), and drive downtown to have a proper breakfast at a local restaurant (Bob Evans).

Finished with the meal, you feel like a million dollars (John Jacob Astor), generously tip the waitress with a fistful of one dollar bills (George Washington), and drive away humming the lyrics to "Route 66" (Nat 'King' Cole).

Turning on the radio, you chuckle as the local DJ does a spoof of the classic comedy routine, "Who's On First?" (Bud Abbott and Lou Costello), followed by an up-dated version of the incredibly funny routine of why nobody should drink water (W.C. Fields).

Suddenly, you pass an old vaudeville theatre (Eddie Cantor, Jack Benny, George M. Cohan, Florenz Ziegfeld), but nowadays it is cinema multiplex showing: "The Ten Commandants" (Cecile B. deMille), "Aladdin" (Walt Disney), "My Favorite Brunette" (Bob Hope), "The Right Stuff" (Leroy Cooper, John Glenn, Virgil 'Gus' Grissom, Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Walter Schirra of the original Mercury astronauts), "Gone With The Wind" (Clark Gable and Darryl F. Zanuck), "The Pink Panther" (Peter Sellers), the original version of "Tarzan" (Elmo Lincoln), "A Day At The Races" (Harpo Marx), "Some Like It Hot" (Joe E. Brown), "El Dorado" (John Wayne), and a retrospective of various silent films (Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton), mixed with some classic cartoons (Mel Blanc).

Pausing at an intersection to let a marching band play by (John Phillip Souza), you're delighted to observe that it's announcing the arrival of the circus into town (all of the Ringling Brothers). Apparently, they have the actual "Spirit of St.Louis" (Charles Lindbergh), along with a full-sized copy of the Eiffel Tower (Alexander Gustave Eiffel) on display. Which gives you an idea for work today. Hmm.

In the elevator going to your office, you listen to some classic jazz (Count Bassie), then spend the morning drawing (compass and square) an advertising campaign showing the Statue of Liberty (Frederic A. Bartholdi) learning show to safely drive her new American car. (Henry Ford). Your boss approves of the design quoting that, "Art should enlighten, as well as entertain." (Voltaire)

At noon, you leave the office at the speed of light (Dr. Albert A. Michelson) and considered having lunch at the local KFC (Colonel Harland Sanders), but instead decide on Wendy's (Dave Thomas). Relaxing in the corner, you eat your lunch while reading a couple of chapters from "World War II: The Gathering Storm" (Winston Churchill).

Completely refreshed, you return to the office only to find that the boss has taken ill and cancelled his saxophone lesson (Antoine Joseph Sax) to visit the Mayo Clinic (Dr. Charles Mayo) to get a shot of penicillin (Sir Alexander Fleming). Left alone, you gamely start a new ad campaign for K-Mart (Sebastain S. Kresge) using Western heroes (James Bowie, Christopher 'Kit' Carson, Gene Autry, "Buffalo Bill" William Cody, Samuel Colt, David 'Davy' Crockett, Richard Gatling, Sam Houston, Tom Mix, Roy Rodgers) to teach people about the environmentally safe chemicals (Herbert Henry Dow) used to clean Mt. Rushmore (Gutzon & Lincoln Borglum).

At the presentation, the client is so happy with the job that they give you free tickets to a musical comedy (Gilbert & Sullivan). You would have preferred a nice Elizabethian tragedy (William Shakespeare), you take it on the chin like a pro boxer ('Sugar' Ray Robinson) and accept the gift with a polite smile.

Humming some classical music (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart), you leave work, and visit a bar to have a couple of cold beers (John Molson), listen to some swinging jazz on the jukebox (Duke Ellington), and discuss the greatest, if flawed, baseball player of all time (Ty Cobb). Before leaving, you secretly stuff a twenty dollar bill (Andrew Jackson) into the charity box (The Will Rogers Foundation) on the counter. After all, a good deed unseen is it's own reward. (Rudyard Kipling)

Getting home, you relax by playing a little basketball (James Naismith) with a neighbor, send some romantic poetry (Robert Burns) via email to your girlfriend, buy a copy of "Roots" (Alex Haley) and "Little House on The Prairie" by Laura Ingalls Wilder (Eastern Star) on-line, then refill the cat-proof bird feeder (John James Audubon) in your backyard. While dinner cooks, you do some laundry (Frederick Maytag), decide not to shave your head bald to look like a famous TV detective (Telly Savalas), and finish that jigsaw of the White House (James Hoban).

After dinner, you catch a Science Fiction movie marathon on cable: "The Portrait of Dorian Grey" (Oscar Wilde), "The Thief of Bagdad" (Douglas Fairbanks), and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" (Mark Twain, a.k.a. Samuel L. Clemens). Briefly, you wonder if any of the actors in the movies belonged to a fraternal lodge, but decide that it would take Sherlock Holmes (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) to solve that mystery.

Turning off the TV, you jot down a note to remember to bring the coffee to the lodge meeting tomorrow night, set the alarm clock to play the bugle call 'Taps' (Major General Daniel Butterfield) in the morning, and shuffle off to bed to dream of freedom, religious tolerance, and world peace.

Sometimes, with the help of a Brother, dreams do come true. Source: <http://www.srmason-sj.org/web/articles/jul-aug04/pollotta.htm>

What Do Freemasons Believe?

They are opposed to ignorance, fanaticism and tyranny. The war against terrorism is won by education (Scottish Degree 10)

They believe that all people are one great family. (S degree 11)

They believe in individual freedom. (Scottish Degree 15)

They believe in hard work. (Scottish Degree 22)

They believe that many roads lead to God. They believe in tolerance of all beliefs. (Scottish Degree 26)

They believe in the equilibrium (balance) of good and evil in the universe, and that both are necessary. (Scottish Degree 28)

They believe in the value of education (Scottish Rite)

All these teachings enable humanity to live as one great family, which is the goal of all masonic teachings (Scottish Degree 30)

Freemasonry is Tolerant of All Religions!

Albert Pike, 33rd degree Mason and author of *Morals and Dogma*, p.226 wrote:

"Masonry, around whose altars the Christian, the Hebrew, the Moslem, the Brahmin, the followers of Confucius and Zoroaster, can assemble as brethren and unite in prayer to the one God who is above all the Baalim, must needs leave it to each of its Initiates to look for the foundation of his faith and hope to the written scriptures of his own religion."

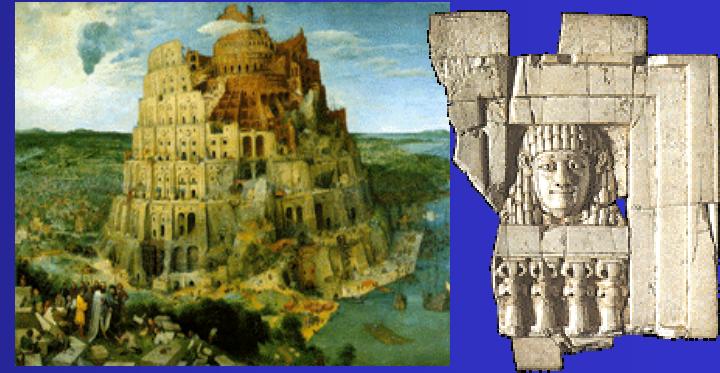
Freemasonry Places the Bible as Equal to all other Religious Books

"The Book of the Law shall be an indispensable article of the lodge furniture. This book, however, need not necessarily be the Holy Bible; but according to the religious faith of the members of the lodge. It may be the Koran, the Zend Avesta, or the Vedas or Shasters. (The Freemasons Pocket Companion, p.44-45)

A Brief History of Freemasonry

More Info: <http://www.oelodge.uklinux.net/history.htm>

- I. According to legend, it originated with Nimrod, a mighty warrior against the Lord, who built the tower of Babel, which almost reached the heavens. (Genesis 10:10) The builders of the tower were “one and they have all one language”. God confused the languages from that moment.
- II. From there, the mysteries of Freemasonry were exported throughout the world to many different cultures. Masons claim as well, that the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob) and Moses knew the secrets of freemasonry.
- III. During the building of the temple of Solomon, a man from Tyre, Hiram Abiff, who oversaw its construction, was a Freemason. He was alleged to have died and come back to life miraculously. He is their “Christ” figure and masons strive to be like Hiram Abiff.



- IV. In more modern times, Freemasonry was a mystery society, which may have been practiced by the Knights Templars, who accompanied Crusaders to the Holy land in the 11th century.
- V. Then, Freemasonry began to flourish after the reformation of 1519, most likely as a counter-reformation movement. This age was known as the “Enlightenment”, where “reason” replaced blind faith in God, and where science began to be more important than religious belief. Religious people were scoffed at by Freemasons like Voltaire, who wrote prolifically against the religious institutions of his day in France.
- VI. Freemasonry was persecuted in Spain during the Spanish inquisition, and Freemasons worldwide wanted to be free from the oppressive monarchies such as France, Spain and England. Many of the revolutionaries were Freemasons: the French revolutionaries, Simon Bolivar (who led rebellion against Spain in South America) and George Washington, who led rebellion against England.

Why Join the Lodge?

Masonic Philosophy. Many Masons are noted through history as great men – it's philosophy is very attractive.

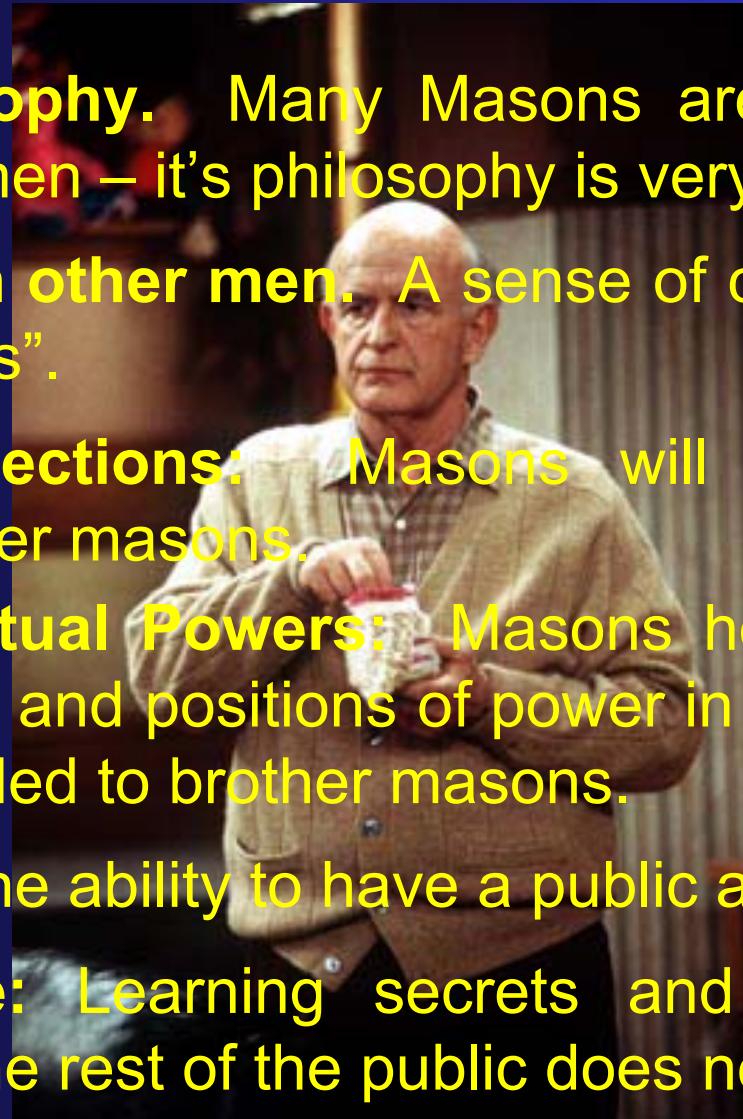
Strong Ties with other men. A sense of camaraderie with Masonic "Brothers".

Business Connections: Masons will more likely do business with other masons.

Political & Spiritual Powers: Masons hold considerable power worldwide, and positions of power in government and military are awarded to brother masons.

Social Power: The ability to have a public and media voice.

Sense of Pride: Learning secrets and having special knowledge that the rest of the public does not have.



Structure of Freemasonry

Freemasonry is separated into several groups. First, an initiate must ask to be a Freemason and starts his pathway by entering into the Blue Lodge, where he goes through the first three degrees. Once this has been accomplished, he can choose to advance through either or both legs of advancement, the Scottish Rite or the York Rite, as well as he can petition for membership in the Shrine.

FIRST 3 LEVELS - BLUE LODGE

1° Entered Apprentice

2° Fellow craft

3° Master Mason

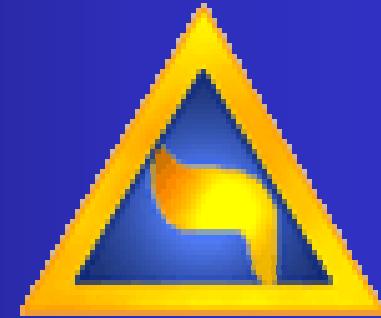
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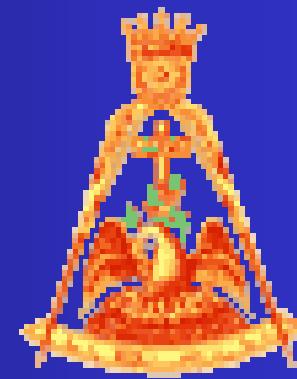
LODGE OF PERFECTION

- 4° Secret Master
- 5° Perfect Master
- 6° Intimate Secretary
- 7° Provost and Judge
- 8° Intendant of the Building
- 9° Elect of the Nine
- 10° Elect of the Fifteen
- 11° Elect of the Twelve
- 12° Grand Master Architect
- 13° Royal Arch of Solomon
- 14° Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason



CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

- 15° Knight of the East or Sword
- 16° Prince of Jerusalem
- 17° Knight of the East and West
- 18° Knight Rose Croix



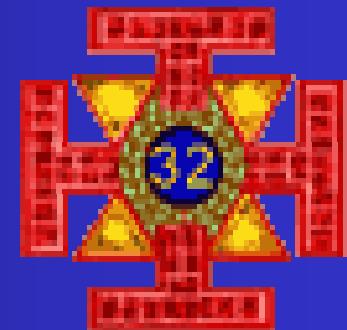
COUNCIL OF KADOSH

- 19° Grand Pontiff**
- 20° Master ad Vitam**
- 21° Patriarch Noachite**
- 22° Prince of Libanus**
- 23° Chief of the Tabernacle**
- 24° Prince of the Tabernacle**
- 25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent**
- 26° Prince of Mercy**
- 27° Commander of the Temple**
- 28° Knight of the Sun**
- 29° Knight of St. Andrew**
- 30° Knight Kadosh**



CONSISTORY

- 31° Inspector Inquisitor Commander**
- 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret**
- 33° Grand Sovereign Inspector General**



YORK RITE

Mark Master

Past Master

Most Excellent Master

Royal Arch Mason

Royal Master

Select Master

Super Excellent Master

Order to the Red Cross

Order of the Knights of Malta

Order of the Knights Templar



The Structure of Freemasonry

American Freemasonry resembles two sets of stairs that begin and end together, as this chart of Masonic structure shows. A Mason's first step is to become an Entered Apprentice. He climbs to the third step where most Masons stay. If he wants to go on in Masonic hierarchy, he enters either the Scottish or York states. Many authorities say the Scottish was begun by Scots emigrating to France; the York Step is named after York, England whence, by legend, the first Masonic body was organized.

In the Scottish Rite a Mason climbs 30 steps, or degrees. The name he takes on at each degree is written on each step in chart. Where there are two names the top is used by northern Masons, the italicized one by southern Masons. Some figures a Mason moves in his ceremonies stand on the steps (from bottom): King Solomon, King Cyrus, Andrew, George Washington, Sulliv. Each degree requires a mallet. The rite requires candidates to learn the secret and participates in ceremony dramatizing it. A 32nd is

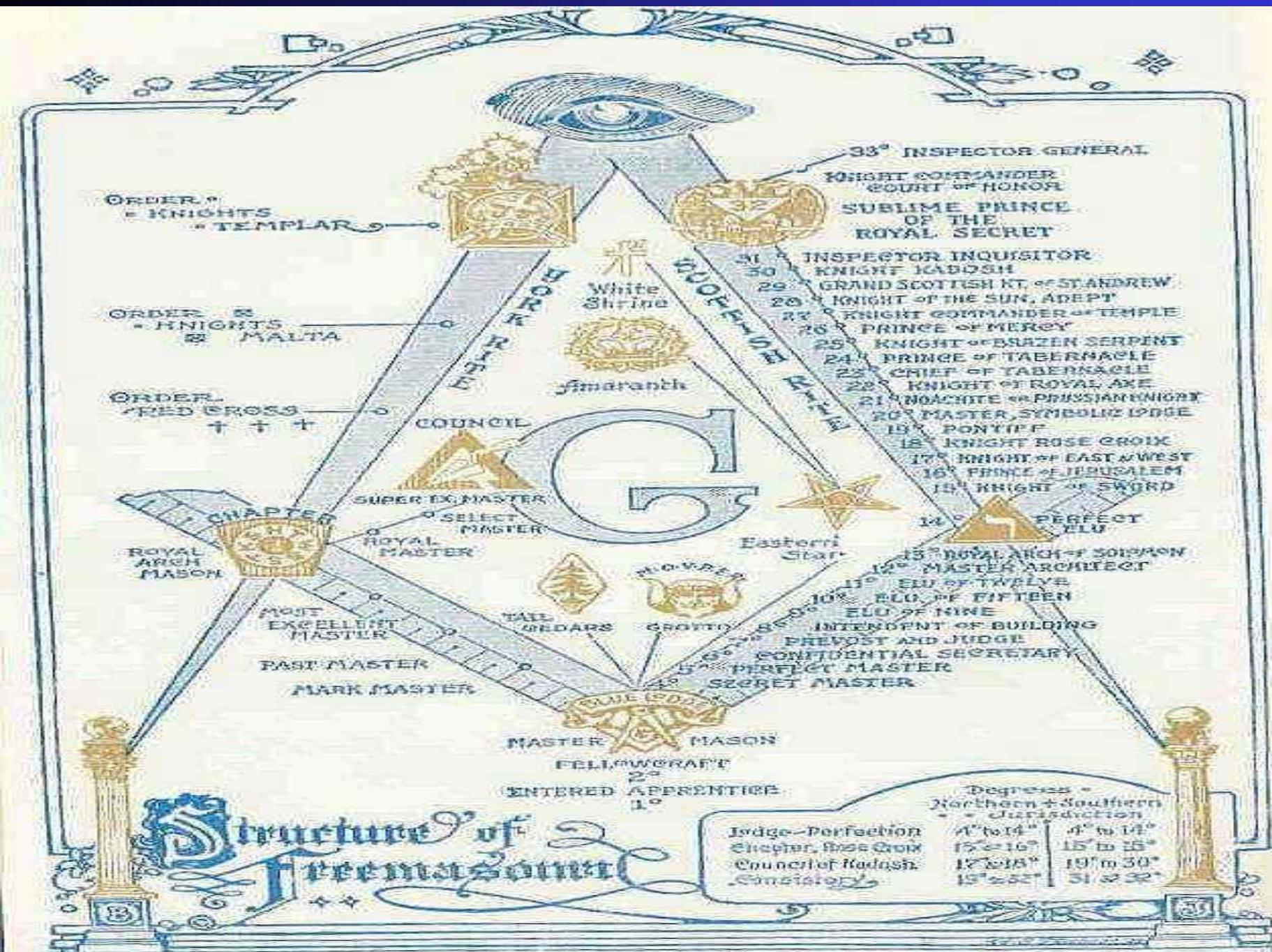
highest degree a Mason can earn. The 33° is awarded by the Supreme Council, ruling body of the Rite.

A Mason in York Rite advances 10 degrees, known by name and not by degree number. On chart one figures he moves at such degrees or the degree reached. Figures are temple workman, Past Master (Virtual), Israelite tribesman, High Priest of Jews, King Herod of Tyre, Knight of Malta, Knights Templar, equal in prestige to 27th in Scottish Rite.

Under the arch are organizations allied to Freemasonry. Masonic Masters are eligible for Curtis and Tell Codex of Lebanon. Girls with a Mason in the family was just Paul's Daughter or Rainbow Girl; women, the Eastern Star; boys, DeMolay. Only 27th Masons or Knights Templar can be the Shrine. Shrine masons have a Dispenser of the

Most important of many Masonic symbols are the open Bible with square and compass on it (left); Solomon's temple (below Bible); and the G with the all-seeing eye inside (upper right). In the U.S., the G stands for God.





SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

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Lodge of Perfection



4th: Secret Master

This degree investigates the concept of duty. To a Mason, duty embraces an obligation to take an interest in the problems of his environment, learn the social problems of his community, country, and even the World; and try to contribute solutions to these problems.

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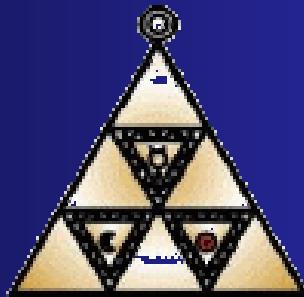


5th: Perfect Master

The moral teaching of this degree is that we live in peace with our own conscience and are honored by good people when we perform our duties honestly and diligently. When honesty, diligence, justice, and brotherhood do not exist, freedom and independence are meaningless. Masonry values man as a person.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Lodge of Perfection



6th: Confidential Secretary

The principle lesson of this degree is that decisions should not be made only on appearances. To be curious is a good quality when directed toward the examination of social miseries, their reasons, and how they can be eliminated. A Mason should not remain detached from the world around him; he should not be an indifferent person. To keep and restore peace, he must be involved in the events of his world. It is the duty of a Mason to provide that men live in peace and harmony.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Lodge of Perfection



7th: Provost and Judge

A law voluntarily accepted by a community should be a kind of lifestyle for the individuals comprising that community, and justice must always be observed. For a law to be considered as being accepted voluntarily, it should have been freely examined, discussed and voted by the people. A man who is not free cannot be considered as being just, and the unjust cannot be considered as being free. Masonry teaches man to avoid evil behavior and to not do injustice to others.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Lodge of Perfection



8th: Intendant of the Building

This degree investigates the necessity of acting on what we learn; and that we should freely transmit our knowledge to others. The strength of the Temple depends on both hard work and ownership. When a man attains a title or position based on his own earning of it, he becomes both knowing and free; he is not indebted to anyone, his reward is attained by his own qualities and diligence. Masonry believes that balance and Brotherhood is established and maintained between the two principles of work and charity.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Lodge of Perfection



9th: Elu of the Nine

Fear and ignorance are the two major enemies which enslave men. It is important that we do not become slaves of certain ideas; that we have the power to fight against ignorance and intolerance for the sake of civilization and our own intellectual freedom. It is our duty to morally raise our own conscience, to enlighten our souls and minds so that we may actively participate in instructing and enlightening others.

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10th: Elu of the Fifteen

Masons will always be opposed to ignorance, fanaticism, and tyranny. While it is our duty to continuously fight against these oppressive forces, we must ourselves be educated, tolerant, and open to freedom of thought. The war against fanaticism and terrorism is won with education and enlightenment.

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11th: Elu of the Twelve

This degree emphasizes that life is a school for moral and spiritual training; that the entire lesson is a course in virtue, happiness, and a future existence. As Masons, we are to view ourselves and the entire human race as one great family. We are a champion of the people. Our work is never done, and our examples in life must be such that no man will have cause to repent because he has relied on our resolve, our profession, or our word.

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12th: Master Architect

This degree forces the Mason to consider the problems of his social life.; that the life we have and the world we live in are what we make them by our own social character, by our ability to adapt to our fellows, our relationships, and our circumstances. It is important that we gain wisdom so that we may add dignity to the human race.

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13th: Royal Arch of Solomon

Men must find the truth within the caverns of their own conscience. There is one great arch, or bridge, which makes the passage achievable, and allows us to master our own vices and passions. That bridge is the will of God. By seeking knowledge and moral character and being guided by faith and reason, the Mason will know how to combine science and religion, philosophy and theology; and recognize that these notions do not contradict each other, but form a harmonious whole.

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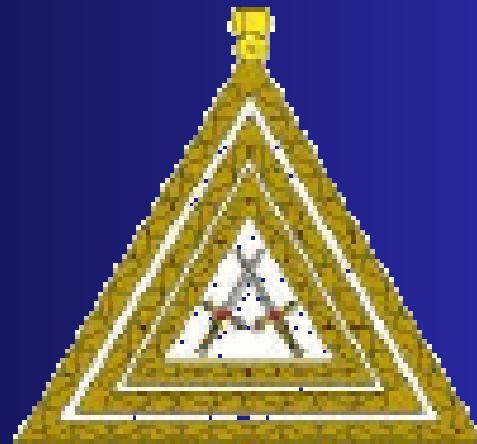


14th: Perfect Elu

This degree is considered the Degree of Perfection and is the most mysterious of all. In it, the Mason finds the meaning of the concept of Deity in his own conscience, and thus opens for himself the gate to true knowledge. Knowledge has two sources. One is human and is obtained by intelligence and labor. The other is divine and revealed only to those who have prepared themselves well. Until these two sources are united, one cannot be perfect. But to the Mason who truly becomes a Perfect Elu, he will recognize no frontiers in this life.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Chapter of the Rose Croix



15th: Knight of the East

This degree teaches that it is not possible to keep people in slavery once they know the value of liberty and can decide for themselves how to defend it. Likewise, it is not possible to defeat Masonry by attacking it; for we are building the Temple of liberty, equality, and fraternity in the souls of men and nations.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Chapter of the Rose Croix



16th: Prince of Jerusalem

This degree emphasizes the fact that one must use every means to be beneficial for the society in which one lives. We not only set our own example for our society, but we enlist the aid of our Brothers. Together, Masons are custodians of freedom. Our charge is to leave a noble heritage to those who follow us in this world. We build temples of the Living God in our hearts by following the truths of justice, equity, morality, wisdom, labor, fidelity, and Brotherhood-so that the collective liberties for mankind can be protected.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

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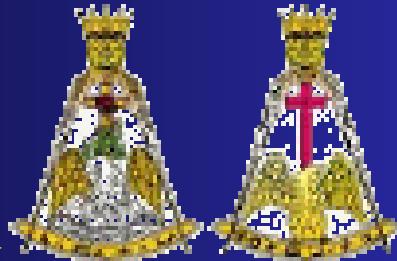


17th: Knight of the East and West

In this degree, Masonry says only one thing-differences in religions will not matter, and these differences will not hinder people to live together in peace if all people gather sincerely around the belief and concept of the GAOTU. It is sufficient only to keep one's heart pure, to believe in God, and to respect the religious feelings and ideas of others. In this way, people who meet, respect and love one another will not find it difficult to understand that no one is lying, that truth prevails in people's words and deeds.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Chapter of the Rose Croix



18th: Knight Rose Croix

This degree teaches that, in reality, what causes us to be immortal is affection; is love. Only if one loves is he conscious that he lives, and that he therefore loves life. As Masons, we should practice virtue that it may produce fruit. We should have faith in God, mankind, and ourselves. And we should be loving men. Masonry teaches that, so long as man is loved, so long as he is remembered with love; he continues living in this way even in his grave. And a brother who conveys this image and this message proves that Hope is never lost.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Council of Kadosh



19th: Grand Pontiff

The great lesson of this degree is that life, when lived properly, is but a bridge to eternal life. Once the secret of life after death is known, a man understands that there is no time but eternity. Therefore, calamities which happen are temporary and will not continue. We are not taken down by calamities, but remain strong to fight against oppression and ignorance; we have passed from the Alpha to the Omega, have learned all the letters of the alphabet and understand that Alpha comes after Omega, that life is renewed. There is no end to learning and science.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Council of Kadosh



20th: Master of the Symbolic Lodge

This degree teaches that a Mason who knows that he does not possess the qualities of leadership, and who has not duly prepared himself to be a leader, should not want to be one. Notwithstanding, every Mason should endeavor to educate himself, bearing in mind that one day he may be asked to lead. Because he is of his community, it expects him to dispense light and knowledge; to practice the virtues both in and out of lodge.

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Council of Kadosh

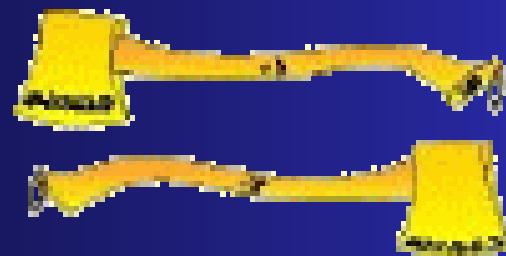


21st: Noachite, or Prussian Knight

The principle lesson of this degree is to not be conceited, or belittle others. Nobody should rely on his wealth, nobility, heavenly or worldly titles. We should be humble and modest and sincerely seek God's mercy; for God protects those who are sincere and honest. A Mason should never lose hope and confidence in the fact that correctness and honesty will always be victorious.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Council of Kadosh



22nd: Knight of the Royal Axe

Work is the mission of man. We should respect our labor for its own sake, and do our work. Manual and mental work complete one another; thus, one who works in either manual or mental labor should not try to exploit, or oppress, the other. A Mason must be a person who makes no distinction in the nature and kind of work in which his brother is engaged.

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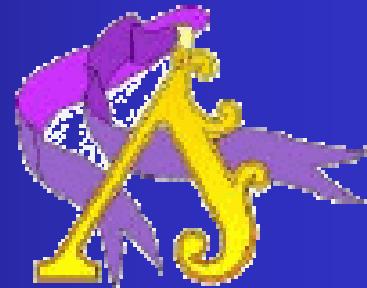


23rd: Chief of the Tabernacle

In this degree, we are reminded that we owe our knowledge to our faith in a revealed God. Therefore, it is our duty to disseminate this knowledge to all mankind. A Mason who believes in God has a duty to acquire knowledge and disseminate this knowledge to other people so that others are also enlightened. A Mason who is generous with his knowledge knows that he will receive the blessing of God, not by sacrificing living beings, but by destroying superstitions and bringing happiness and prosperity to other people.

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24th: Prince of the Tabernacle

This is a continuation of the last degree and examines the nature of knowledge. We must be vigilant not to accept corrupted and erroneous echoes of real knowledge. We have to distinguish for ourselves what is truth; for many do not realize that they are in error when they think they have found the truth. As Masons, we must fight continuously against superstitions, wrong knowledge, false prophets, tyrants, and despots. Our task is to free knowledge from the monopoly of classes, casts, leaders, or priests; and to disseminate it to everyone.

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Council of Kadosh



25th: Knight of the Brazen Serpent

This degree teaches the virtue of hospitality. One who shows hospitality to guests is obliged not to differentiate between race, nationality or religion from whoever knocks at his door. The nature of Masonry is to heal those who are in distress from moral collapses, psychological crises, diseases caused by superstitions and ignorance. To save our fellows from these, to break the chains which represent moral slavery, to set men free, to be faithful and kind in every respect is the compulsory thing to do. We fulfill our destiny by re-creating ourselves, by enlarging our knowledge.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Council of Kadosh



26th: Prince of Mercy

Practice forgiveness! Be tolerant! Masons are to respect all beliefs that do not dirty sacredness. Masonry is not a religion, nor do its members belong to one religious order, or any one religion. It embraces the truth in every belief and respects all of them. The truths of Masonry are contained within the religions of the world. Our task is to love all mankind; to be faithful to the agreement between the GAOTU and ourself-we should trust that we can attain His boundless affection and compassion, the mercy in the degree's title--that is, we can attain God's love.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Council of Kadosh



27th: Knight Commander of the Temple

This degree teaches the virtues of knighthood and asks its adherents to practice these virtues in life. Virtue requires duty; and both remain the same, regardless of the times. The Knight Commander of the Temple learns that he is the manager of the time, that he himself will decide when he will perform his duty; he does not wait for orders or authorization. He is his own man, and his task is to abolish distress at just the right time.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Council of Kadosh



28th: Knight of the Sun

Be a lover of wisdom. This degree points out seven truths: There exists an indefinable and incomprehensible principle that governs the universe. Human life is but a speck of eternity. Universal equilibrium is a result of a balance between similarities and contrasts. The absolute is the soul in its proper essence. The visible is the invisible. Evil, disaster, and misery are indispensable for universal equilibrium. Similarities are the only keys for comprehending nature. The majority of men fail to realize their errors. Masons are required to take up the arduous struggle against error. The moral code of Masonry is more extensive than that of philosophy.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Council of Kadosh



29th: Knight of Saint Andrew

In this degree, the Mason learns that there is no contradiction between religion and science; that religion can be better understood through science and science can be better understood by religion. He who denies science is as fanatical as he who denies religion. Our lifetime is limited in time; thus we must see God within this limited period of our time. Yet, God transcends all time; he is an energy over and beyond time. There is no other energy that creates that energy. There is no end to that energy. Freemasonry is thus the continual effort to exalt the divine in man over the human so that we may come to better understand the nature of God in our time.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Council of Kadosh



30th: Knight Kadosh

This is the last of the philosophical degrees. To spread the sciences, to apply the virtues, to learn the sublime doctrines which enable humanity to live as one great family-this is the school of which Masonry is engaged. It is not within the realm of Masonry to punish oppressors and tyrants who enact barriers to brotherly love and affection. They are always punished in the course of history. It is our goal to defeat the passions and fanaticism which lead to oppression by spreading love and toleration. The Knight Kadosh is aware of his obligations. He is just, equitable, and respectful of all ideas. He battles for freedom of conscience. He opposes those who would attack these liberties, but material revenge is not in his thoughts and philosophy. He is a lover of great example.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Consistory

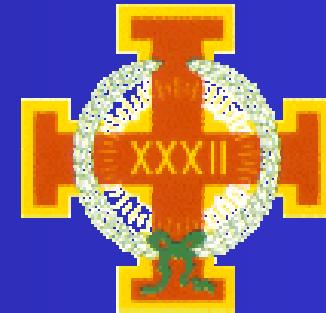


31st: Inspector Inquisitor

The central teaching of this degree is justice. To be free, a Mason must begin by passing judgment on himself. He presents himself for examination. By acting honestly in first giving judgment on himself within the principles of justice and equity, it should not be doubted when he shall do the same to his brothers. The brother who finds mercy in himself, who has not been too lenient towards himself, or punished himself too severely, can also judge his brothers. In so doing, he can be certain that he has not acted contrary to his former obligations. He has freed himself.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Consistory



32nd: Master of the Royal Secret

This degree teaches many lessons, but the mystery concealed is that man is a creature of free will and capable of recreating himself. If he accomplishes this goal, he will attain a genuine power that can shake the limits of science, surpass the problems of this earth, decipher the secrets of space, surpass the limits of ceremony and catechism, and attain genuine enlightenment; a gnosis which is the foundation of all religions. He will also surpass the narrow views of interest in the area of morals, and will comprehend a genuine virtue that transcends his own interest. Thus, it will become his nature to help his fellow men, and, in so doing, he will discover the divine light within which brings true freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, and freedom of culture.

SCOTTISH RITE TEACHING

Consistory

33° Grand Sovereign Inspector General

You must be called and chosen in order to become part of this level. Its teaching is extremely secret, and although there are thousands of 33rd degree freemasons, most of their identities are not publicly known.

SECRET MASONIC HANDSHAKES



Called “Boaz”: The Grip of an Entered Apprentice – Both press thumbs hard against the top of the first knuckle joints.



Called “Jachin”: The Grip of a Fellow Craft – Both press top of thumbs hard against the top of the second knuckles.



Called “Tubal Cain”: The Grip of a Master Mason – Both place the thumbs hard in the space between the second and third knuckles.

THE GOD OF FREEMASONRY



GAOTU: The
“Great Architect
of the Universe”

JAH-BUL-ON:

The Sacred word of the Royal Arch

Jah – For Jahweh (of the Bible)

Bul or Baal – Syriac for “Lord”

On – Egyptian deity

LUCIFER – Light-Bearer: The god of this world who brings “light” to freemasons. Only known to about 5% of freemasons (>level 30).

THE ALL-SEEING EYE. An important symbol of the Supreme Being, borrowed by the Freemasons from the nations of antiquity.

http://www.religiouscounterfeits.org/ml_gaotu.htm <http://www.ephesians5-11.org/gllink.htm>

SYMBOLS OF FREEMASONRY



FREEMASONIC OATHS

".. binding myself under no less penalty than of having throat cut from ear to ear, my tongue torn out by its roots, and my body buried in the rough sands of the sea, a cable length from the shore where the tide.." - from the oath of obligation **Entered Apprentice/First Degree**.-----

".. binding myself under no less penalty than having my left Breast torn open, my heart plucked out, and given to the beasts of the field and fowls of the air as prey." - from the oath of obligation, **Fellow craft/Second Degree**.-----

".. binding myself under no less penalty than of having my body severed in twain, my bowels taken out and burned to ashes, the ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven.." - from the oath of obligation, **Master Mason / Third Degree**.-----

" .. in willful violation whereof may I incur the fearful penalty of having my eyeballs pierced to thru center with a three edged blade, my feet flayed and forced to walk the hot sands upon the sterile shores of the red sea until the flaming Sun shall strike with a livid plague, and may Allah the god of Arab, Moslem and Mohammedan, the god of our fathers, support me to the entire fulfillment of the same." - from the oath of obligation, **Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine ("Shriners")**.-----

"You must conceal all the crimes of your brother Masons... and should you be summoned as a witness against a brother Mason be always sure to shield him.. It may be perjury to do this, it is true, but your keeping your obligations." - Ronayne, Handbook of Masonry p. 183 SOURCE: <http://www.conspiracyarchive.com/NWO/Freemasonry.htm>

Famous Masons Worldwide

List of Famous Freemasons:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_famous_Freemasons

<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous1.htm>

<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>

<http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/index.html>

Freemasonry in Ontario

There are currently 57,664 masons in Ontario who go to a total of 611 lodges.

<http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/>

Freemasonry in Canada



PRIME MINISTERS OF CANADA

At least 6 in Total!



#1. Sir John Alexander MacDonald. First Canadian Prime Minister. St. John's Lodge No. 758, Kingston, Ontario. Honourary Past Grand Senior Warden.

Sources: <http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm> <http://www3.sympatico.ca/christine.marlin/canadianmasons.htm>

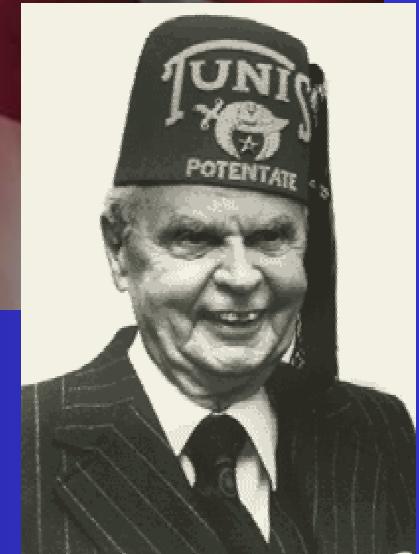
PRIME MINISTERS OF CANADA



Sir Robert Borden. Borden led Canada as Prime Minister throughout the First World War (1914-1918) and led the Canadian delegation at the Paris Peace Conference (1919). His government extended the franchise to women in 1918. Initiated: 1880, St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Sources: http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/prime_ministers/borden_r/borden_r.html <http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous1.htm>

PRIME MINISTERS OF CANADA



A successful lawyer, and Conservative Member of Parliament from 1940 until his death in 1979, Diefenbaker was Canadian Prime Minister from June 21, 1957 to April of 1963. He was Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan from 1969 until his death. **Initiated: September 11, 1922, Passed: October 9, 1922, Raised: November 7, 1922, Wakaw Lodge No. 166, Wakaw, Saskatchewan**

Sources: http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/prime_ministers/diefenbaker_j/diefenbaker_j.html

GENERAL OF CANADIAN MILITIA



Sir Arthur William Currie: Commanded the First Canadian Corps in France in the War of 1914-18 from June 1917 to the signing of the Armistice. In August 1919 he was appointed Inspector-General in Canada and took over his duties in December of the same year. **Initiated : 1898/08/03**
Worshipful Master: 1904, Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2 District Deputy Grand Master Victoria District.

Sources: http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/currie_a/currie_a.html

TOMMY DOUGLAS



The Honourable **Thomas Clement Douglas**, (October 20, 1904 – February 24, 1986) was a Scottish-born Canadian Baptist minister until becoming a democratic socialist politician. As leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) from 1942 and the eighth Premier of Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1961, he led the first socialist government in North America and introduced universal public medicare to Canada.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tommy_Douglas

THE STANLEY CUP



A Devotee

Lord Stanley. He was Governor-General of Canada from 1888 to 1893. In 1893, Lord Stanley—a keen sportsman— donated the Stanley Cup as an award for Canada's top-ranking amateur hockey club. Member of Royal Alpha Lodge No 16, London, England.

TIM HORTONS



Horton, Tim. Canadian ice hockey legend. Founder of the donut chain bearing his name. Kroy Lodge No. 676, Toronto, Ontario.

Source: <http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/christine.marlin/canadianmasons.htm>

MOLSON BREWERIES



Molson, John. Founder of Molson Breweries. St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374 UGLE, Montreal. Past Provincial Grand Master.

Sources: <http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/christine.marlin/canadianmasons.htm>

PREMIERS OF ONTARIO

Arthur Sturgis Hardy (1896-99) *i.* 1866/11/23, Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford

Sir George William Ross (1899-1905) *i.* 1872/08/05, Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy

Sir William Howard Hearst (1914-19) *i.* 1889/03/12, Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie;

Ernest Charles Drury (1919-23) *i.* 1920/11/11, Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie

George Howard Ferguson (1923-30) *i.* 1895/10/02, Mount Zion Lodge No. 28, Kemptville

George Stewart Henry (1930-34) *i.* 1904/05/20, York Lodge No. 156, Toronto

Mitchell Frederick Hepburn (1934-42) *i.* 1927/04/21, St. David's Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas

Gordon Daniel Conant (1942-43) *i.* 1912/06/25, Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa

Harry Corwin Nixon (1943) *i.* 1919/04/10, St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George

George Alexander Drew (1943-48) *i.* 1923/03/26, Waverly Lodge No. 361, Guelph

Thomas Laird Kennedy (1948-49) *i.* 1905/09/12, River Park Lodge No. 356, Streetsville

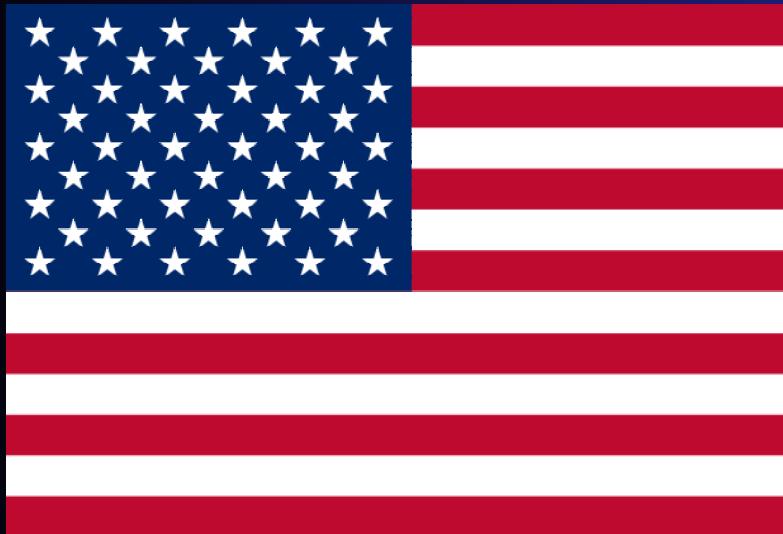
Leslie Miscampbell Frost (1949-61) *i.* 1926/01/15, Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay

William Grenville Davis (1971-85) *i.* 1961/04/13, Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton

Frank Stuart Miller (1985) *i.* 1975/06/03, Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge

Freemasonry and the United States

THE UNITED STATES

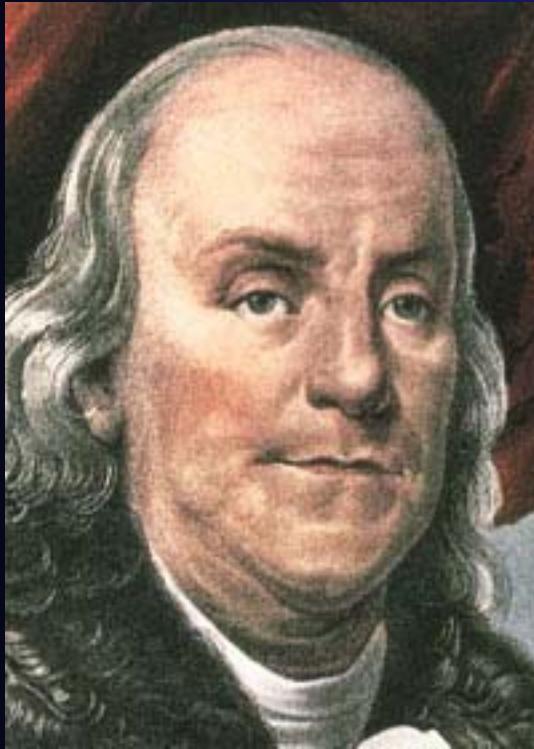


Washington, George – Master of Grand Lodge of Maryland –
“The United states was, and is, the “Great Masonic Experiment”

(<http://www.masonicsites.org/blue/georgewashington2.htm>,

<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>

THE UNITED STATES



Benjamin Franklin – American printer — he published the first book in the colonies, Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 — author, postmaster, statesman, scientist and philosopher, Franklin was instrumental in the formation of the United States. Initiated: February 1730-1, Secretary: 1735-38, St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, Junior Grand Warden: June 24, 1732, Grand Master: June 24, 1734, Provincial Grand Master, Boston: June 10, 1749, Provincial Grand Master, Philadelphia: June 1760, Deputy Grand Master: March 13, 1750, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Venerable Master: 1779-80, 1782, Loge des Neuf Soeurs, Paris

FREEMASON US PRESIDENTS



George Washington

James Monroe

Andrew Jackson

James Knox Polk

David Rice Atchison

James Buchanan

Andrew Johnson

James A. Garfield

William McKinley

Theodore Roosevelt

William Howard Taft

Warren G. Harding

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Harry S Truman 33 Degreee

Lyndon Baines Johnson, (EA)

i. 11/4/1752 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Virginia

i. 11/9/1775 Williamsburgh Lodge No. 6, Virginia

Harmony Lodge No. 1 (?); Grand Master 1822-24, Tennessee

r. 9/4/1820 Columbia Lodge No. 31, Tennessee

March 4, 1849. member: Platte Lodge No. 56, Mo.

r. 1/24/1817 Lodge No. 43, Pennsylvania

i. 1851, Greenville Lodge No. 119, Tennessee

r. 11/22/1864, Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Ohio

r. 4/3/1865, Hiram Lodge No. 21, Virginia

r. 4/24/1901, Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay

Mason at sight 2/18/1909. affiliated Kilwinning Lodge 356, Ohio

r. 8/13/1920, Marion Lodge No. 70, Ohio

r. 1911/11/28, Holland Lodge No. 8 New York

i. 02/09/1909, *r.* 03/18/1909, Belton Lodge No. 450

i. October 30, 1937, Johnson City Lodge No. 561, Texas

Gerald Ford
r. May 18, 1951, Columbia Lodge No. 3

(Source: <http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/textfiles/famous.html>)



GEORGE WASHINGTON



JAMES MONROE



ANDREW JACKSON



JAMES K. POLK



JAMES BUCHANAN



ANDREW JOHNSON



JAMES A. GARFIELD



WILLIAM MCKINLEY



THEODORE ROOSEVELT



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT



WARREN G. HARDING



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



HARRY S. TRUMAN



LYNDON B. JOHNSON
(E.A. only)



GERALD R. FORD

Masonic Presidents of the United States of America

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER



Francis Scott Key – A prisoner aboard a British man-of-war shelling Fort McHenry, wrote the words to the US National Anthem on the back of an envelope. These words which were to become the US National Anthem, also became over the years a closing for most lodge communications.

(<http://users.1st.net/fischer/MASHST09.HTM>,

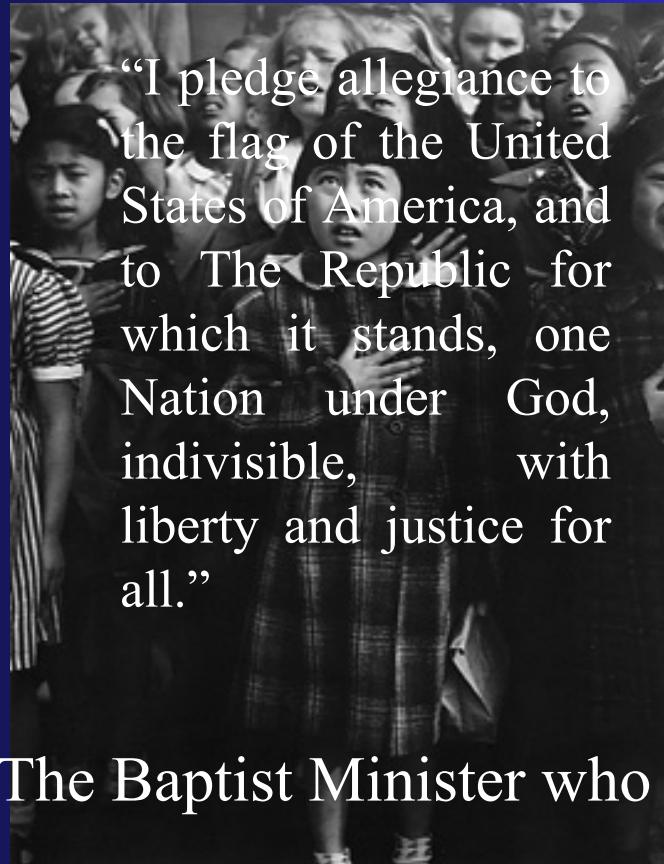
IN GOD WE TRUST?



In God We Trust – When an initiate [Entered Apprentice] in the Blue Lodge kneels before the altar of Freemasonry, they are asked the question: “In whom do you put your trust?” The answer is: “In God I trust.” This is the same message on all US coins. Unfortunately, the god of Freemasonry is GAOTU not the true God.

Sources: <http://www.mastermason.com/3rdnorthern/library/stb-96-09.htm>

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



Francis J. Bellamy - The Baptist Minister who created America's Pledge of Allegiance



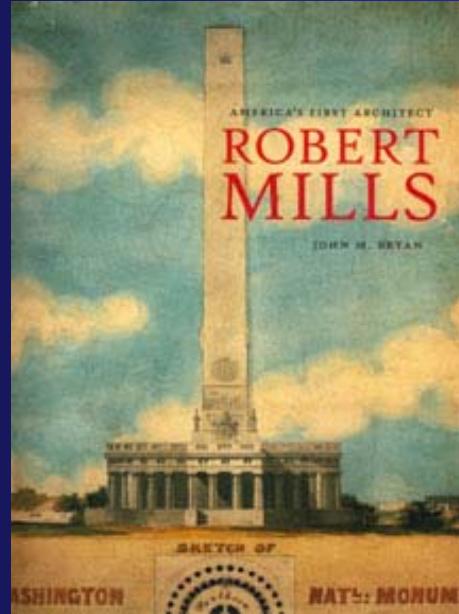
THE STATUE OF LIBERTY



Bartholdi, Frederic A. - French sculptor best known for his figure of *Liberty Enlightening the World*, the Statue of Liberty, in New York Harbor.

Source: <http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous1.htm>

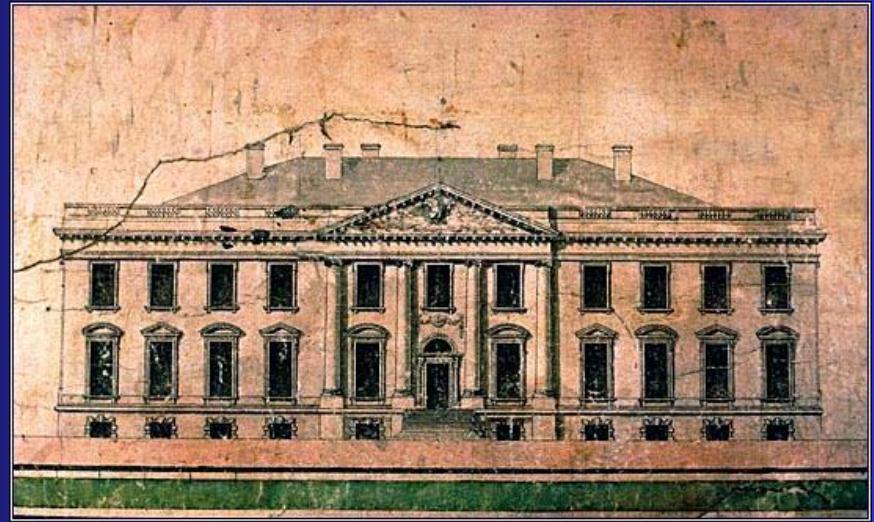
THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT



Robert Mills. The monument is made of marble, granite, and sandstone. It was designed by Robert Mills, a prominent American architect of the 1840s. Robert Mills was a freemason. This book entitled “Robert Mills” calls him “America’s first architect”.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Mills_%28architect%29

THE WHITE HOUSE



James Hoban - Irish-born American architect who designed and supervised the construction (1793-1801) and renovation (1815-1829) of the White House in Washington, DC. Hoban laid the cornerstone of the White House with full Masonic ceremonies on October 12, 1792. Under his leadership Federal Lodge No. 1 was organized and Hoban became the first Master. He was active in Royal Arch Masonry until his death on December 8, 1831.

Sources: (<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous1.htm>,
http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/american_heros_fdcs.htm)

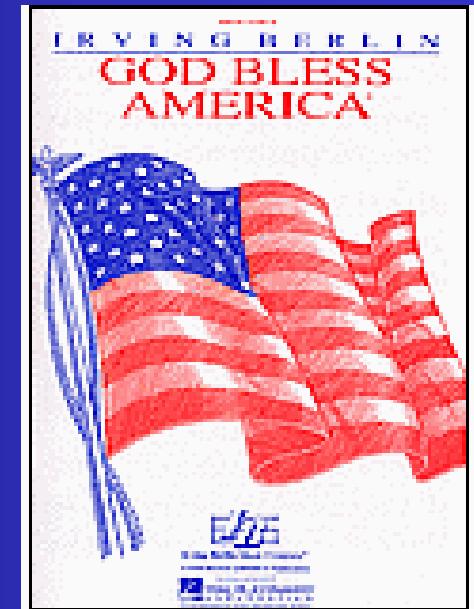
IRVING BERLIN

Author of “God Bless America”



While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains To the prairies,
To the ocean white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.

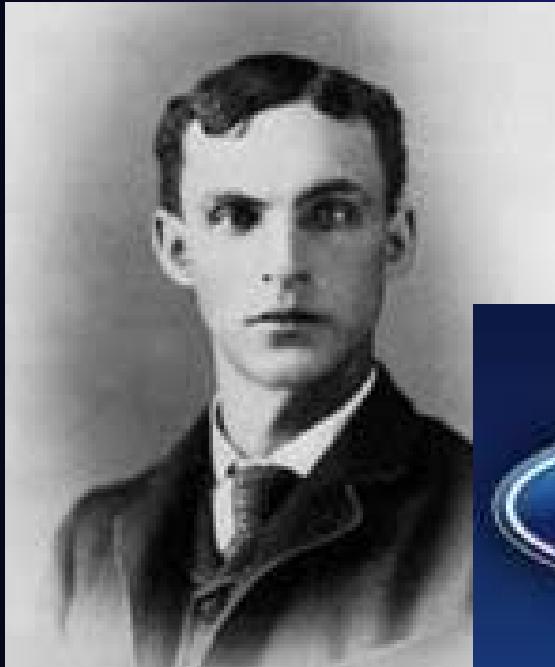


Irving Berlin – Born Israel Berlin, Irving Berlin's music defined American popular song for much of the century: White Christmas, Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better, There's No Business Like Show Business, Puttin' On The Ritz and God Bless America being only a few of his pieces. **Initiated: Munn Lodge No. 190, New York**

Sources: http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/berlin_i/berlin_i.html

**Freemason-
Founded
Businesses**

FORD MOTOR COMPANY



Henry Ford - Invented the first gasoline powered automobile in 1893, founded Ford Motor Company in 1903 and mass-produced the first widely available and affordable car. Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit MI. (<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous1.htm>, <http://www.durham.net/~cedar/famous.html#m>)

CHRYSLER MOTOR COMPANY



Walter P Chrysler. American automobile manufacturer. 32 degree AASR, Salina, Kansas. Member of Isis Shrine Temple at Salina, Kansas. Reportedly a visitor to Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, ON, No. 270, GRC while employed by Buick Corporation.

(<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous1.htm>,

<http://www.durham.net/~cedar/famous.html#m>)

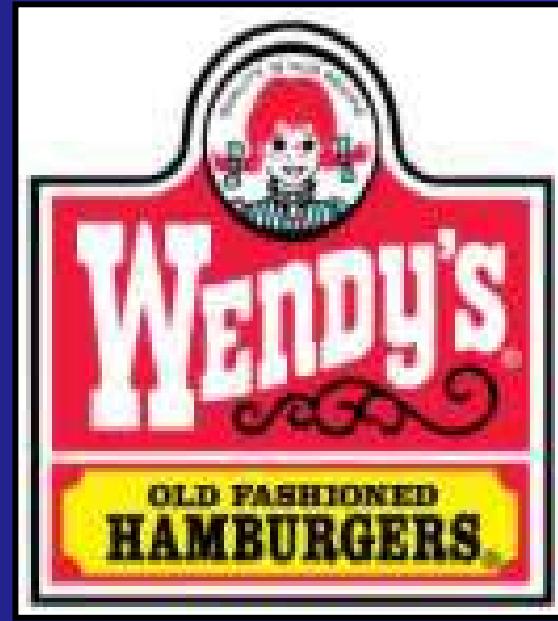
KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN



Colonel Harland Sanders - Fried chicken magnate, his Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets are found world-wide. He perfected his Original Recipe of 11 secret herbs and spices in 1939. When he died in 1980, his body laid in state in the Rotunda of the Kentucky State Capitol.

Sources: <http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>

WENDY'S RESTAURANTS



Thomas, Dave. Founder of the very popular Wendy's Restaurants, publicly he was the grandfatherly star of commercials. Sol D. Bayless Lodge No. 359, Fort Wayne IN. 33 deg. AASR. Grand Cross.

GILLETTE SHAVING CO.



King Camp Gillette. American manufacturer and inventor of the safety razor. Raised June, 1901, Adelphi Lodge, Massachusetts.

Sources: (<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous1.htm> http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/gillette_k/gillette_k.html)

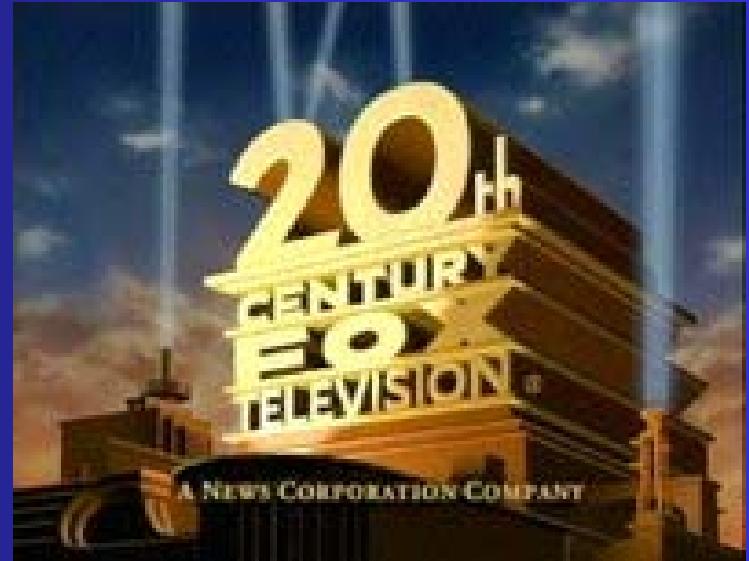
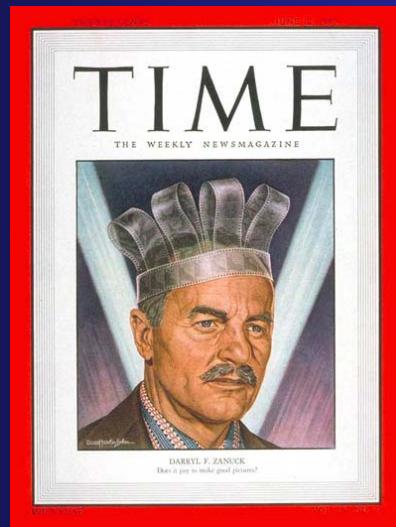
METRO GOLDWYN MAYER



Mayer, Louis B. - Film producer who merged to form Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Mayer served as the vice-chair of the Republican Party of California from 1931 to 1932 and as its state chair between 1932 and 1933. His last words (reportedly) were, "Nothing matters." (MGM)

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_B._Mayer <http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>

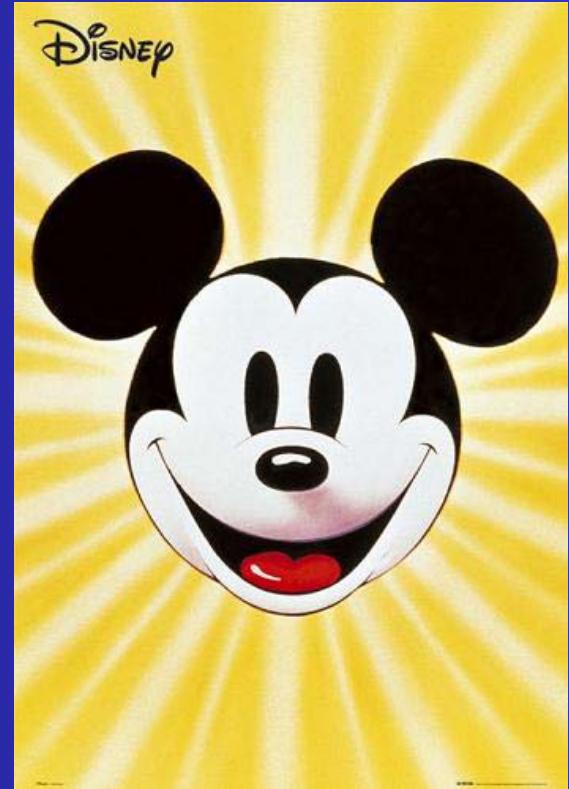
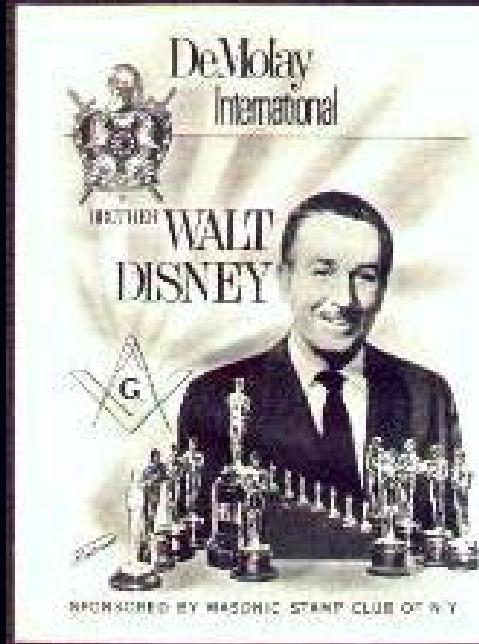
20th CENTURY FOX



Darryl F. Zanuck - Co-founder of 20th Century Productions in 1933, his movie productions made him a legend. The memorial by his family notes his Masonic affiliation above all other accomplishments!

Source: <http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>

WALT DISNEY



Walt Disney - As a teenager, Walt Disney was a member of the Order of DeMolay, a youth organization affiliated with Free Masons. . **He said of Demolay:** "I feel a great sense of obligation and gratitude toward the Order of DeMolay for the important part it played in my life. Its precepts have been invaluable in making decisions, facing dilemmas, and crises. DeMolay stands for all that is good for the family and for our country."

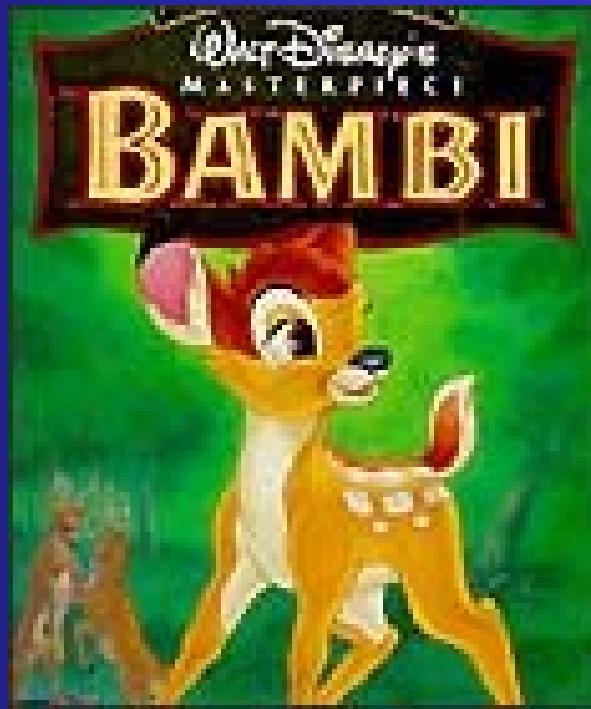
Sources: http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/walt_disney_fdc.htm <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000370/bio>

<http://www.peninsulachapter.cjb.net/>

<http://www.ioniclodge31.webcentre.ca/demolay2.htm>

<http://www.srmason-sj.org/web/articles/jul-aug04/pollotta.htm>

“BAMBI”



Feliz Salten - Creator of “Bambi”. was an Austrian writer. He was born Siegmund Salzmann in Budapest, Hungary. When he was three weeks old, his family moved to Vienna, Austria. Many Jews were immigrating into the city in the late 19th century because Vienna had finally granted full citizenship to Jews in 1867. His most famous work by far is *Bambi*. He was inspired to write the book after a trip to the Alps, in 1923. It was published three years later (1926). In 1933, he sold the rights, and he did not see a cent from the Disney movie based on Bambi released in 1942.

Other Famous Freemasons

Peter Sellers – From Pink Panther Movies

King Kamehameha – Last ruling monarch of Hawaii

Sveinn Bjornsson – First president of Republic of Iceland

Silvio Berlusconi – Current Prime Minister of Italy

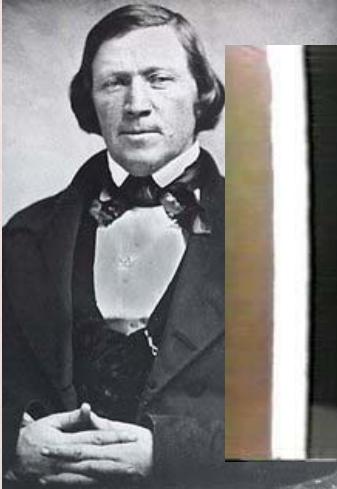
Jose Rizal – Famous Philippine Patriot

**Freemason-
Founded
Organisations**

Freemasonry-Associated Organisations

Acadia Fraternity, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Danite Movement, Daughters of the Nile, Druids, Eastern Star, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Grotto, Independent Order of Foresters, Independent Order of Oddfellows, Independent Order of Rechabites, Jaycee (JC), Knights of Columbus, Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Pythons, Lions Club, Loyal Order of Moose, Manzini, Mormonism, Order of Amaranth, Order of the Builders, Order of De Molay, Order of Jacob's Daughters, Order of the Golden Chain, Order of the Golden Dawn, Order of the Golden Key, Order of Rainbow Girls, Order of Red Men, Ordo Templi Orientis, Paladin, Royal Order of Jesters, Royal Arch Mariners, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, The Buffalo Lodge or Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes The Daughters of Mokanna, The Holy Order of St John, The Illuminati, The Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, The Orange Order, The Shriners, White Shrine, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Woodsmen of the World. (Source: <http://www.freedom-ministries.com>)

MORMONISM



Joseph Smith - Founder of the Mormon Church. In March 1842, Smith was initiated as a Freemason (as an Entered Apprentice Mason on March 15, and Master Mason the next day. Brigham Young, the 2nd prophet of Mormonism after Joseph Smith, was also a mason. Brigham Young founded the Mormon church in Utah.

Sources: (<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous1.htm> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Smith

<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brigham_Young)

<http://www.masonicmoroni.com/>

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL



**Lions Clubs
International**

Melvin Jones. Founder of the service club, Lions Clubs International, on June 7, 1917, Melvin Jones believed that "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." Garden City Lodge No. 141, Illinois

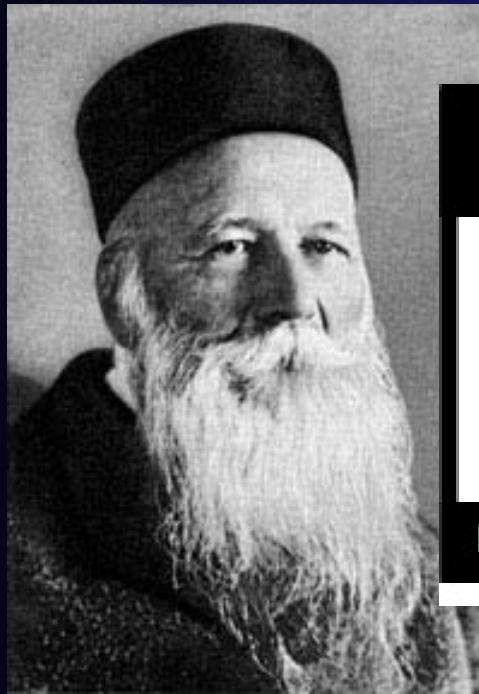
CARTOON CHARACTERS



Mel Blanc - If you've heard cartoon characters Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, Barney Rubble of the Flintstones, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, Sylvester the cat or others, you've heard the voice this 50+ year Mason who brought so much pleasure to so many children for so many years. Member: Mid Day Lodge No. 188, Oregon

Source: <http://www.kinglodge.org/famousmasons.htm> http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/blanc_m/blanc_m.html

THE RED CROSS

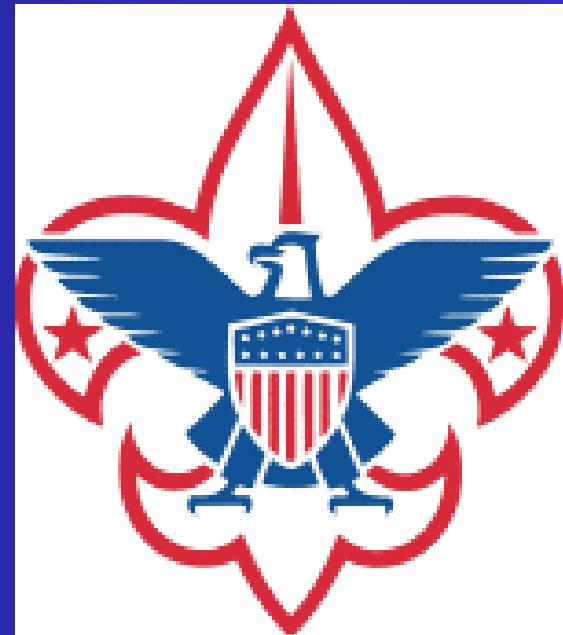


Jean-Henri Dunant. Founder of the Red Cross, a founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, and co-winner of the first Nobel Prize for Peace in 1901, he also worked to bring about the 1864 Geneva Convention. Source: http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/dunant_j/dunant_j.html

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



- Scout
- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class
- Star
- Life
- Eagle



Daniel Carter Beard. Founded the Boy Scout movement in United States of America in 1910. Mariners Lodge No. 67, New York City.

Sources: (<http://www.masonicinfo.com/famous2.htm>) http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/beard_d/beard_d.html

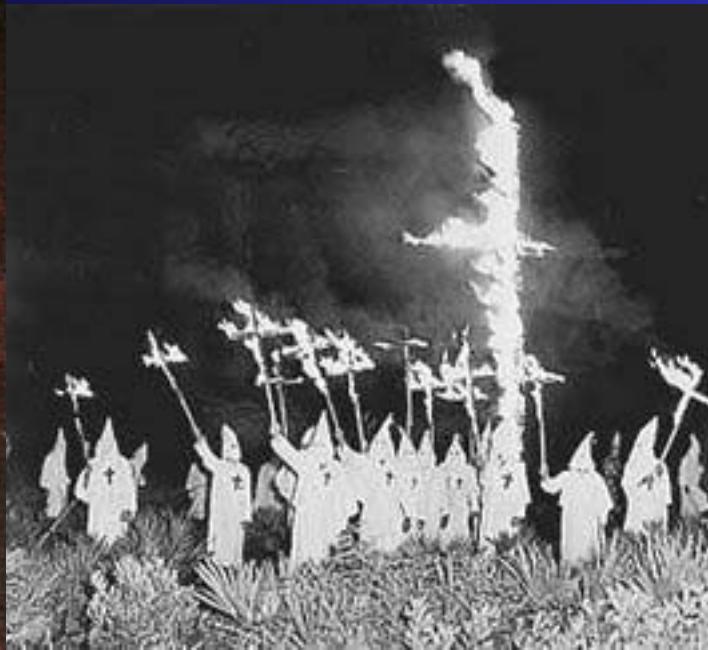
THE SHRINERS



The Shriners. Until the year 2000, in order to become a Shriner, you had to be a 32° Freemason. Now, however, you need only pass the first 3 degrees to sign up. Shriners give lots of money to charities and endorse the “Shriner’s Circus” worldwide.

Source: <http://www.shrinershq.org/shrine/membership.html>

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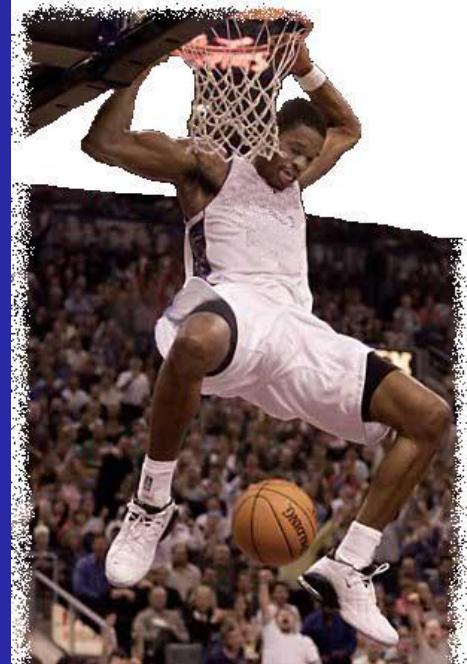


Albert Pike - Pioneer, explorer, Confederate General, he re-wrote the rituals of the US Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Bodies outlined in a book called “Morals and Dogma”. Albert Pike held the office of Chief Justice of the KKK while he was simultaneously Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of Masonry, in the Southern Jurisdiction. Klansmen in white sheets represented ghosts of dead confederate soldiers who died in the US civil war.

Source: http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/pike_a/pike_a.html

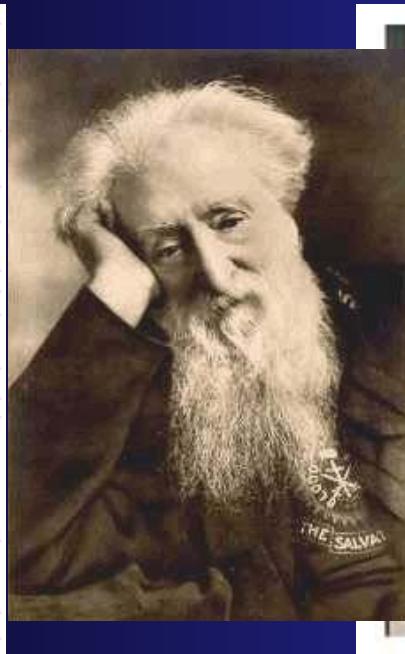
<http://www.freemasonrywatch.org/kkk.html>

BASKETBALL



Dr. James Naismith - Born in Ontario and educated at McGill University, Dr. James Naismith invented the game of basketball in a YMCA gymnasium in Springfield, Mass., and developed basketball's original 13 rules.

SALVATION ARMY



Reverend William Booth. The Salvation Army passed a ruling in 1986, that people that are Freemasons may not wear the Salvation Army Uniform, they may become adherants but not full salvationists. Yet if you were a Freemason prior, you may continue to be a Freemason and wear the uniform. The Salvation Army states: There seems to be no evidence to support the statement made on some masonic websites that William Booth was a freemason. However, his name exists on at least 3 mason websites stating that he was a mason.

Source: <http://www.mastermason.com/cny-masonry/famous.htm>

<http://www.cephasministry.com/famous.html>

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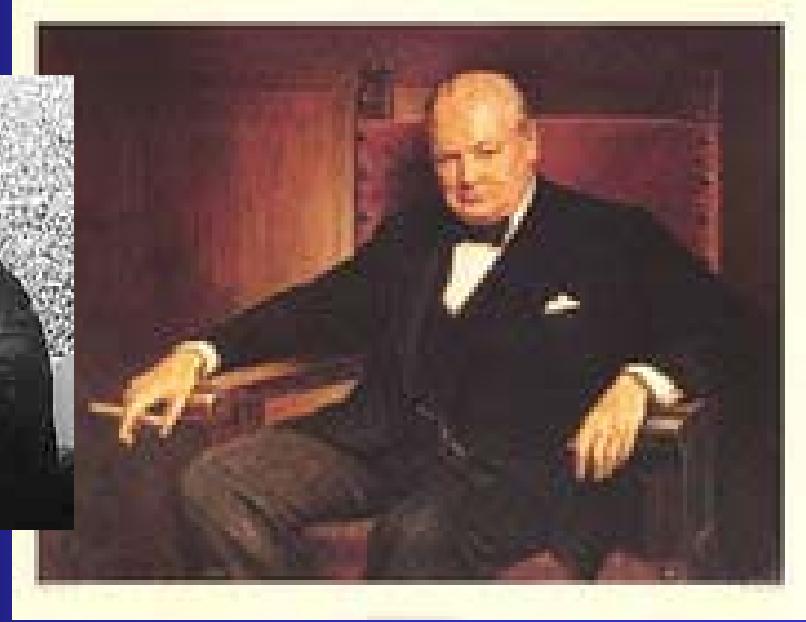
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International Freemasons

International Grand Lodges

- Grand Lodge of the United States
- Grand Lodge of Ireland
- Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium
- Grand Lodge of Scotland
- District Grand Lodge of Lebanon
- Grand Lodge of England
- Grand Lodge of Germany
- Grand Lodge of Greece
- United Grand Lodge of Victoria
- Grand Lodge of Ecuador
- Grand Lodge of Western Australia
- Grand Lodge of South Australia
- Grand Lodge of Iran in exile
- Grand Lodge of Japan
- Grand Lodge of Morocco
- Grand Lodge of Panama
- Grand Lodge of Peru
- Grand Lodge of the Philippines
- Grand Lodge of Croatia
- Grand Lodge São Paulo, Brazil
- Grand Lodge of Turkey
- Grand Lodge of India

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL



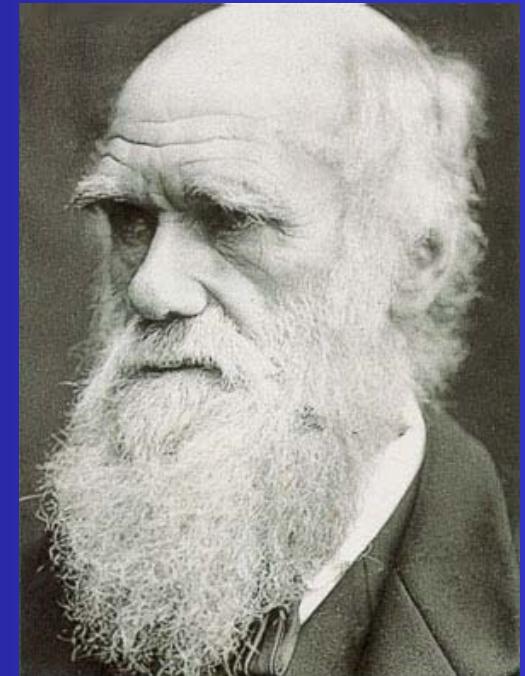
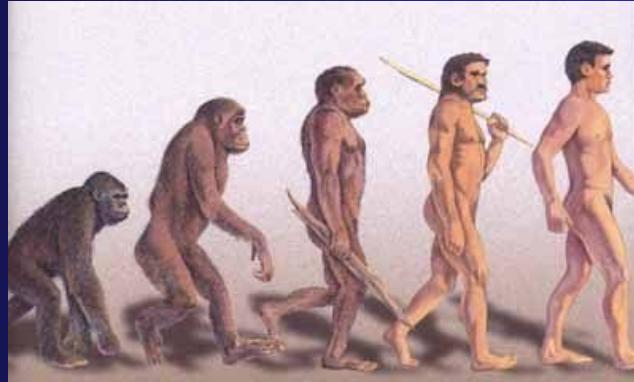
SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL: Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, British statesman, author and Conservative Prime Minister (1940-45, 1951-55), rallied the British people during World War II. Initiated: May 24, 1901, Passed: July 19, 1901 Raised: March 5, 1902, Studholme Lodge, London, later Studholme Alliance Lodge No. 1591 (1976)

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE



SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE: Best known for his writing of fifty-six short stories and three novels with Sherlock Holmes as the principal character, Dr. Doyle practiced medicine until 1891. He was knighted on August 9, 1902 for his work with Langman's Field Hospital in South Africa. Initiated: January 26, 1887, Passed: February 23, 1887, Raised: March 23, 1887, Demitted: 1889, Rejoined: 1902, Demitted: 1911, *Phoenix Lodge 257, Southsea Hampshire*, Source: http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/doyle_ac/doyle_ac.html

ERASMUS DARWIN



Erasmus Darwin: Best known as the grandfather of the biologist Charles Darwin, Erasmus Darwin was a philosopher, poet, scientist and physician. Well informed on all aspects of late 18th-century science and medicine, he had advanced ideas on cosmology and evolution which he recorded in verse of a high quality. "Before coming to Derby in 1788, Dr. [Erasmus] Darwin had been made a Mason in the famous Time Immemorial Lodge of Cannongate Kilwinning, No. 2, of Scotland. "Sir Francis Darwin, one of the Doctor's sons, was made a Mason in Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, at Derby, in 1807 or 1808. His son Reginald was made a mason in Tyrian Lodge in 1804. The name of Charles Darwin does not appear on the rolls of the Lodge but it is very possible that he, like Francis, was a Mason. " **Initiated:** 1754, St. David's Lodge No. 36, Edinburgh

Source: http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/darwin_e/darwin_e.html

MOZART



WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART: was born in Salzburg in 1756, He showed early precocity both as a keyboard-player and violinist, and soon turned his hand to composition. When his father received his masonic Second Degree Wolfgang wrote "Fellow Crafts Journey (Op. K468) to honour the occasion. For lodge Zur Wohltatigkeit he wrote "Opening Ode" (Op. K483) and Closing Ode (Op. K484) His last masonic work (Op. K623) was written for the dedication of a masonic temple in Vienna on November 15, 1791. Initiated: December 14, 1784, lodge Zur Woltatigkeit, Passed: January 7, 1785, Lodge Zur Wahren Eintracht

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VOLTAIRE



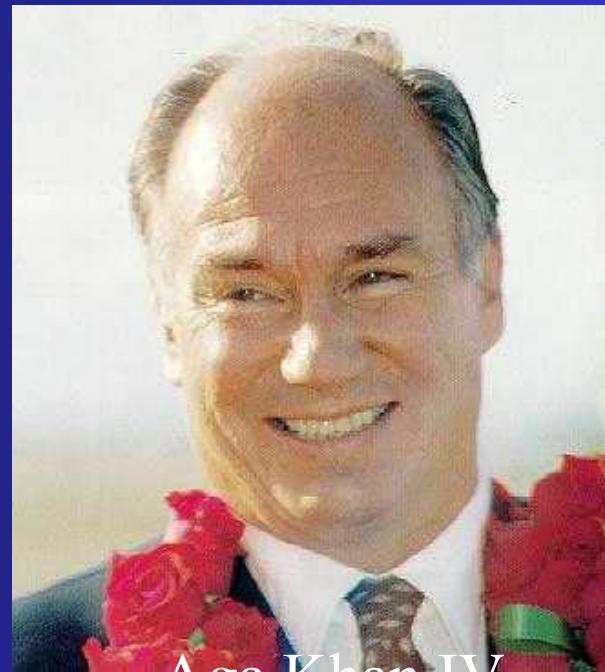
VOLTAIRE: Born François Marie Arouet in Paris, Voltaire was the embodiment of eighteenth century Enlightenment. Author of *Lettres philosophiques* 1734, *Candide* 1759 and the *Dictionnaire philosophique* 1764, his ideas were an important influence on the intellectual climate leading to the French Revolution. Further online information is available from the Voltaire Foundation. "I die adoring God, loving my friends, not hating my enemies, and detesting superstition." **Initiated: April 7, 1778, Loge des Neuf Soeurs, Paris, France**

<http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/voltaire/voltaire.html>

Sir Sultan Mohammed Shah, Aga Khan III



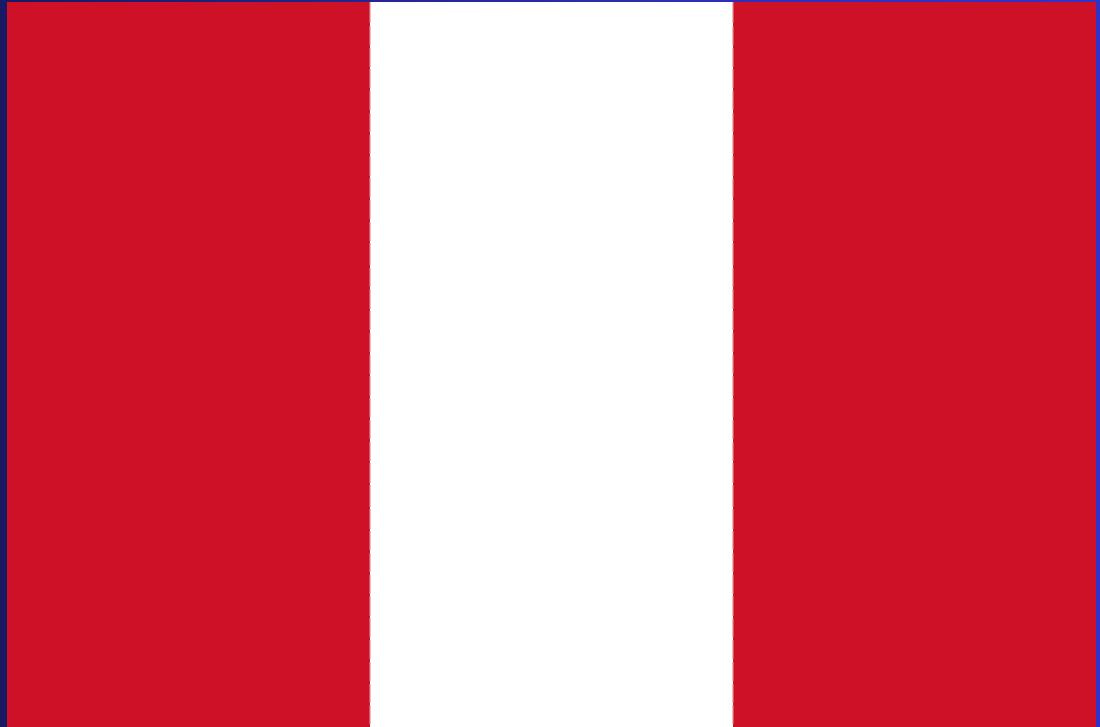
Aga Khan III



Aga Khan IV

Aga Khan III. (1877-1957) initiated 1951. He was the founder of the Muslim League. He was the religious leader of the Ismaili Muslims. Source: <http://www.masonindia.org/WellKnownFreeMasons.htm>

THE NATION OF PERU



Simon Bolivar. South American liberator. Initiated in Cadiz, Spain. Became involved with Knights Templar and Scottish Rites and founded Order and Liberty Lodge No. 2 in Peru.

KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN



King Hussein of Jordan. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Jordan. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_famous_Freemasons,

Breaking the Lies of Freemasonry

- Not all roads lead to God. The only way to God is through Jesus Christ. (Proverbs 14:12; John 14:6)
- Humans are essentially evil and need the blood of Jesus Christ to purify them. They must repent of their sins and turn to God in faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:23; Luke 13:5)
- There is no dualism with God. God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all! (1 John 1:5)

- God will punish all those who follow other gods. The first commandment is to have no other gods besides Him. (Exodus 20:3) Masons who swear to other gods invite Almighty God's wrath.
- Freemasonry denies the Deity of Jesus Christ. However, Jesus Christ is God come in the flesh. He is God and always will be! (John 1:1; John 8:58; John 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- Freemasonry exalts man in the place of God; however, God resists the proud, and will judge them, but gives grace to the humble who repent and put their trust in Him. (James 4:6)

Christian Ministries for Freemasons

1. <http://www.isaiah54.org>
2. <http://www.saintsalive.com/freemasonry.html>
3. <http://www.saintsalive.com/freemasonry.html>
4. <http://www.freedom-ministries.com>
5. <http://www.biblebelievers.org.au/masindx.htm>
6. <http://www.leaderu.com/orgs/probe/docs/masonry.html>
7. http://www.christian-faith.com/html/page/renouncing_freemasonry

How to Reach Freemasons for Jesus Christ

1. The main lie that they believe is that they are essentially “good”, and do not need the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse them. Give them the 10 commandments, and go through it with them to strip them of their self-righteousness. Freemasonry is a direct violation of the 1st commandment.
2. After sharing the law (the 10 commandments), share with them the Good News of the provision of Jesus Christ on the cross for their sins.
3. After repenting of their sins and trusting in Christ to save them, the ex-mason must now completely renounce Freemasonry.

Ephesians 5:11

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

“Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

Revelation 18:1-5

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “**Babylon the great is fallen**, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! “For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.” And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “**Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.** “For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.