

The cover features a highly decorative border with intricate scrollwork and various Masonic symbols. At the top, there is a large triangle containing a compass and square. On the left and right sides, there are crossed tools including a pickaxe and a hammer. At the bottom, there are crossed scythes. The entire design is rendered in a detailed, engraved style.

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“Employ your time in improving yourself by other men’s writings so that you shall come easily by what others have labored hard for.” – Socrates



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Scottish Rite one day reunion
25 Jan. 2020—0800 sharp.

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ACHILLES. Perhaps some worthy people may stare when we point out Achilles as a Freemason. What! we hear them exclaim, is it possible that that fierce and ferocious man-slayer, nay, man-eater at heart, for he exhibited a strong propensity to cannibalism in longing to have devoured the dead body of Hector,—is it possible that he could have been one of our philanthropic society? Yes, we reply, such is the actual fact; and Bonaparte was one too, in the highest degree. But if you will not believe Homer or us, believe your own eyes, if indeed you are a Mason. *Ecce signum!* Behold Achilles giving Priam THE HAND when the latter is supplicating for the body of his slain son.

“ Thus having spoken, the old man’s right hand at the wrist He grasped, that he might not in any respect be alarmed in mind.” Such is the masonic and literal translation of the text by that illustrious Grecian and brother, Christopher North; and who will say now that Achilles was not a Mason?—*Freemasons’ Quarterly Review.*

Ecce Signum = Behold, the sign; here is the proof.





NEWS



In Memory of Brother Ben Benninghoff

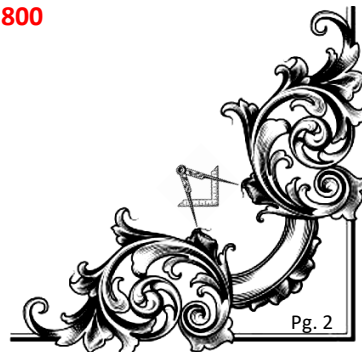
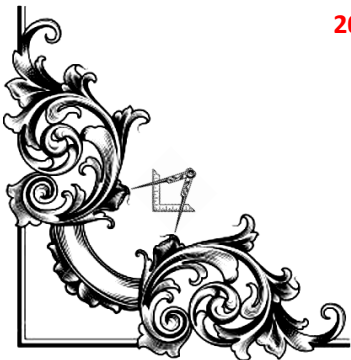
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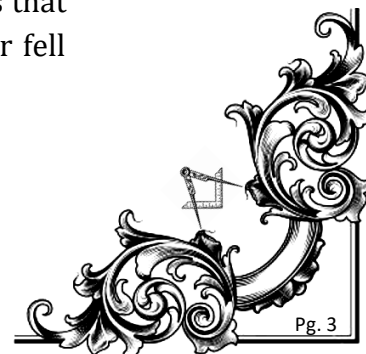
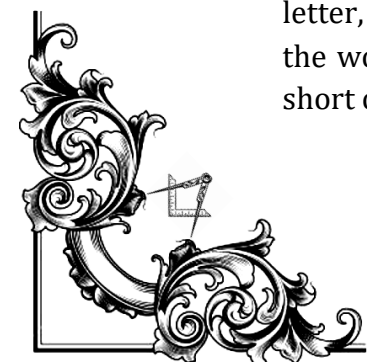
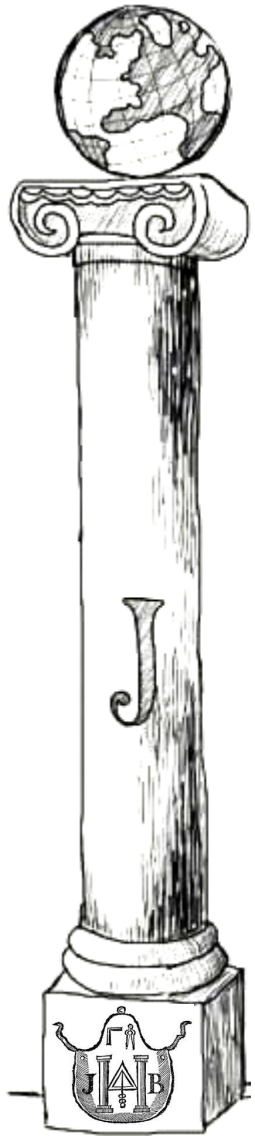


The Mystery of M.A.S.O.N.

By Dr. George W. Carey

All symbols, allegories, parables or fables are founded in some basic principle. The same may be said of great epics, the book of Job, the twenty-two chapters of Revelation, or Milton's Paradise Lost. Freemasonry is derived from the words *frea* and *maso*—to knead, to prepare, to materialize, as mixing and kneading flour, water, yeast, etc., forms bread. Mortar, made by mixing, is, therefore, directly connected with the word mason in the world of art and labor. Certain church organizations have opposed freemasonry and ostracized the members of that society very bitterly in the past. The occult reason will be briefly stated in the following: There are twenty-two letters in the Hebrew alphabet. The twenty-first letter (falling short by one of completion) is Schin, from which the word sin is derived. The letter **S**, in the English alphabet, stands for Schin in Hebrew, as the characters of the ancient alphabet are reduced to one symbol in the modern, save one letter only. Tav, the twenty-second letter in the Hebrew, is *th* in English. Tav means a cross. *Tau* is used in many instances, even in the Bible (see 119th Psalm), but it is a palpable error, because there is no **U** in the Hebrew. The Bible is a symbolical script of physiology and anatomy, a complete expose of the human body, written by men in dim past ages, who knew a thousand times more about the "Fearfully and wonderfully made" temple of the Sol-of-man that modern physiologists who are just now beginning to perceive that the "Holy Ghost" (whole breath), really does reside in men and women, and the statement of the oil or ointment— Christ— "Lo, I am with you always" is a physiological fact, proven by the letters **M.A.S.O.N.**

M, or mem, is the 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet (also the 13th of the English alphabet), and means woman, Mary (water or mother). **A**, the first letter, is Aleph, an ox or male (strength-father.) **S**, or sin here indicates that the woman and man, or mother and father (Adam and Eve) sinned or fell short of something.



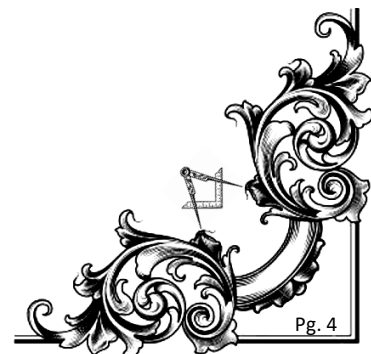
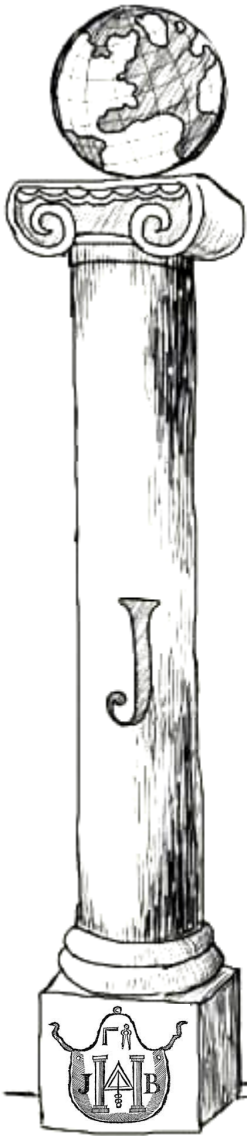


The early Christians, before the anti-Christ (Constantine) appeared, understood the wonderful letters, Divine wisdom, seeing that **M** and **A** had fallen short, **S** devised a plan to save the **M** and **A**.

O from Ain, the 16th letter, represents wisdom, or the All Seeing-Eye (see Optic Thalmus) the eye of the chamber in physiology. This is the eye of freemasonry, the 3d eye. "If thine eye be single, thy whole body will be full of light." "Now mine eye seeth thee."— *Job*. The All-Seeing-Eye, **O**, here interposes and sends his Son (S.O.N.) to save and supply the deficiency caused by the act that resulted in the *fall* when Adam and Eve ate the fruit. Nun (really NON) from which we get **N**, is Hebrew for fish, the seed that is born (*first*) every 28 1/2 days, or *moonth*, when the moon is in the sign of the zodiac that the sun was in at the birth of the native. "Joshua, the son of Nun— Joshua Jehoshua or Jesus"— see Smith's Bible Dictionary. By saving this seed (*fish*, which has also the odor of fish, from *Ichthos*, Greek for fish) it is "lifted up," carrying the precious ointment (and is thus Christened) crucifying and refining it.

Thus Paul said: "If Christ be not crucified then is preaching vain." While I am credibly informed that but few masons really understand their own symbols, the fact remains that they use them, and that these perfect characters rouse bitter antagonism in the churches. Why? Because the sins of men and women can be "worked out" — "*work out your own salvation*" (salvation-saliva) without the aid of priest or preacher.

This great truth is now, as the solar system enters Aquarius, "The sign of the Son of Man in the heavens" being so well recognized that the people will no longer suffer **O** (All-Seeing-Eye), and **N** (the Redeemer), to be cut off from **M.A.S.** and another sin (**S**) added to **MAS** for men and women to "celebrate" M.A.S.(O.N.) Mass. Let the Lost Word be restored! GLORIA IN EXCELCIS DEO (Latin for "Glory to God in the highest") .

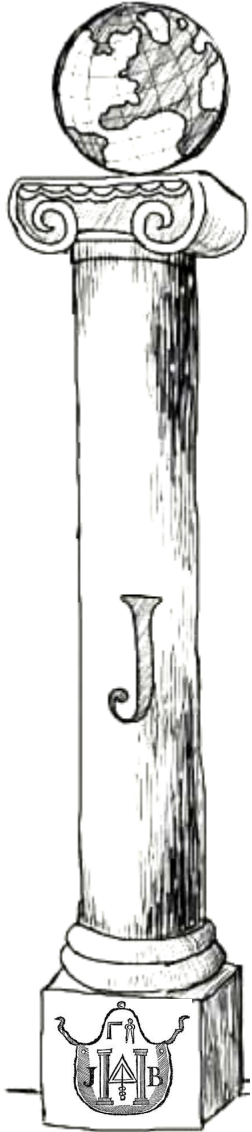




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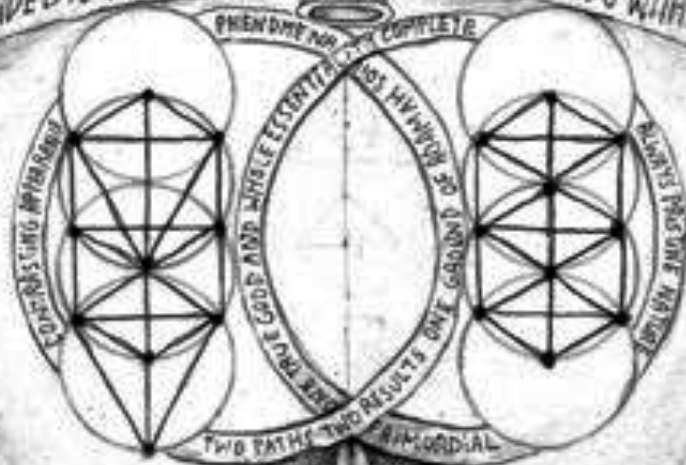
In 1839 the Mormons left Missouri and settled in the area of Nauvoo, IL. On October 15, 1841, the IL Grand Master issued a dispensation to form a lodge at Nauvoo. On March 15, 1842, Joseph Smith received his first degree and the others shortly after. Certain irregularities were reported – in five months the lodge initiated 256 candidates and 243 were raised. After investigation, the grand master revoked the dispensation, but the lodge continued to work. On April 5, 1844, the Mormon masons dedicated a Masonic Temple. IL Masons got in trouble for taking part in the ceremony. Opposition to the group and internal dissension led to the assassination of Joseph Smith and the removal of the Mormons from IL.

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