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The Ultimate Anthology

Masonic Events and Dates in History

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Preface

The compiler and publisher of this collection of dates and events in history which are connected with the world's oldest fraternity likens it to a "treasure house" of knowledge which is a welcome and valuable addition to any bookshelf.

Much has been said and written about Freemasonry yet it is possible that this is the first collection of its kind, consisting of stories, anecdotes, quotations and facts involving history-making events presented in such a way.

There are basically 12 chapters, one for each month of the year and within each chapter the publishers have tried to group items in year order with the oldest date first.

The 13th chapter includes events for which no day or month is known, only the year, and in addition this list incorporates a chronological history of some of the events involving Freemasonry while the 14th Chapter is for Masonic Trivia.

This is certainly a book that every Freemason from the new Brother to the seasoned Grand Master can enjoy and learn from. Enjoy!

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Chapter One

JANUARY

- 7th 1702: Born, “The Elder Statesman of the American Revolution” - Masonic Bro. Benjamin Franklin. Oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution. Scientist, diplomat, author, printer, publisher, philosopher, and philanthropist. His many inventions include street lighting, heating, stove and lightning rod. Member of St Johns Lodge in Philadelphia.
- 1st 1735: Born - Masonic Bro. Paul Revere: American patriot and leader of The Boston Tea Party. Member of St Andrews Lodge in Boston.
- 14th 1741: Born. Masonic Bro. Benedict Arnold—both American hero and Traitor.
- 25th 1759: Born. At Alloway, Ayr, Masonic Bro. Robert Burns—The Bard of Scotland—world famous poet and Poet Laureate of Freemasonry. A member of St Davids Lodge No. 174 in Tarbolton. Initiated 4 July 1781. His most famous ballad is still sung today on New Year’s eve in almost every country, namely “Auld Lang Syne.”
- 21st 1798: On this day Masonic Bro. Edward Jenner introduced his smallpox vaccine. At the time he was the Wor. Master of Royal, Faith & Friendship Lodge No. 270, in Berkeley, England.

Burns' Masonic farewell

“Adieu! A heart-warm fond adieu!
 Dear Brothers of the mystic tie!
 Ye favoured, ye enlightened few,
 Companions of my social joy!
 Though I to foreign lands must hie
 Pursuing fortune's sliddry ba
 With melting heart and brimful eye
 I'll mind you still though far awa'.

Oft have I met your social band
 And spent the cheerful festive night;
 Oft honoured with supreme command
 Presided o'er the sons of light;
 And by that hieroglyphic bright,
 Which none but craftsmen ever saw!
 Strong memory on my heart shall write.
 These happy scenes though from awa'!

May freedom, harmony and love
 Unite you in the grand design
 Beneath the Omniscient eye above,
 The glorious Architect divine!
 That you may keep the unerring line
 Still rising by the plummet's law
 'Til order bright completely shine -
 Shall be my prayer when far awa'.

And you farewell! Whose merits claim
 Justly that highest badge to wear!
 Heaven bless your honoured, noble name,
 To Masonry and Scotia dear!
 A last request permit me here,
 When yearly ye assemble a',
 One round, I ask it with a tear,
 To him, the bard, that's far awa'.

19th 1808: The Nelsonic Crimson Oakes issued a silver medal as a commemorative Masonic jewel recognizing the death of Masonic Bro. Horatio Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar on 21 August.

11th 1815: Born on this day, Sir John A MacDonald a member of St Johns Lodge No. 758 in Kingston, Ontario. He was the first Prime Minister of Canada.

28th 1864: Born, Bro. Charles W Nash— founder of the Nash Motor Co. (Now American Motors).



7th 1873: Born in Hungary, the father and pioneer of the motion picture industry, Adolphe Zukor, a member of Centennial Lodge No. 763.

17th 1876: Belgian musician Adolphe Sax, initiated in the Belgium Lodge Les Vrais Amis de L'Union, in 1842, on this day introduced the world to his invention, The Saxophone.

6th 1880: Tom Mix, famous movie actor, cowboy, soldier and adventurer was born this day. Owner of the Tom Mix Circus and Wild West Show. A member of Utopia Lodge No. 537 in Los Angeles.

26th 1880: Born Bro. and General Douglas MacArthur. World War II military hero, well-known for his statement on leaving the Philippines "I shall return".

29th 1880: Born on this day Bro. W C Fields, famous comedian of stage, radio and screen. Member of E. Copper Mitchell Lodge No. 605.

8th 1882: America's 32nd President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born at Hyde Park, New York. He died in office on 12 April 1945. He was President for 4 terms. He was a member of Holland Lodge No. 8. He was present when his three sons were raised—Elliot on 17 February 1937, James and Franklin Jnr on 12 November 1935—all in Architect Lodge No. 519.



23rd 1884: On this day was born the cartoonist who created the series "Bringing up Father", Bro. George McManus. His cartoons featuring characters such as Maggie and Jiggs appeared in more than 750 newspapers. He was a member of Ditigo Lodge No. 30, New York City.

11th 1892: Born in Capiz, an island off the Philippines, Masonic Bro. Manuel A Roxas, first President of the Philippine Republic. He was a member of Makawiwili Lodge No. 55.

31st 1892: Eddie Cantor, the famous screen and radio star, was born on this day. He was a member of Munn Lodge No. 190.

4th 1895: The Director general of the FBI, J Edgar Hoover was born on this day. He was a member of Federal Lodge No. 1.

1st 1901: Sir Edmund Barton Australia's first Prime Minister took office on this day. He was in Office until 24 September 1903. He was a member of the Lodge of Harmony No. 556. He was one of a few key players instrumental in establishing Australia's independent rule from England.

3rd 1907: Born, Australia's pioneer aviator Sir Charles Kingsford Smith. Holds the most long distance flying records than any one on earth. (Astronauts excluded of course). Together with co-pilot Charles Ullmann, Navigator Harry Lyons and radio operator James Warner set off from San Francisco on 31 May 1928 and 83 hours later arrived at Brisbane, Australia accomplishing the first air crossing of the Pacific ocean. 300 000 people turned out to welcome them when they arrived in Sydney. His super human flying skills made him a flying legend. Awarded the Military Cross by King George whilst a pilot in the British Flying Corps. During WWI.

10th 1907: Died this day, Bro. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, age 71.



18th 1912: On this day Bro. Robert F. Scott's expedition reached the South Pole BUT Bro. Roald Amundsen had beaten him to it by 5 weeks. Bro. Scott was a member of Drury Lane Lodge No. 2127. He died on the return trip from the South Pole—his diaries were found by a search party in November 1912.

6th 1919: Bro. Theodore Roosevelt dies at the age of 60.

12th 1929 Born, Bro. Edmund Burke, statesman, political philosopher, member of Jerusalem Lodge No. 44 in Clerkenwell, London.

28th 1930 American astronaut Bro. "Buzz" Edwin Aldrin born—On 20th July 1969 he was the second man to walk on the moon whilst co-pilot of Apollo 11.

18th 1936: Bro. Rudyard Kipling died at age 71.

**THE MOTHER LODGE
BY RUDYARD KIPLING**

There was Rundle, Station Master,
An' Beasley of the Rail,
An' Ackman, Commisariat,
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;

An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent,
Our Master twice was 'e,
With 'im that kept the Europe-shop,
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside — "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside — "Brother", an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my mother-lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too!
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin-sheds,
The Roman Catholick!

We 'ad'nt good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep' per'aps, it's us.

For monthly, after labour,
We'd all sit down and smoke

(We dursn't give no banquits,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),
An' man on man got talking'
Religion an' the rest,
An' every man comparin'
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',
An' not a Brother stirred
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam' brain-fever bird;
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,
An' we'd all ride ome to bed,
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,
An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
Accordin' as commanded
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an' brown,
With the trichies smellin' pleasant
An' the hog-darn¹ passin' down;
An' the old Khansamah² snoring'
On the bottle-khana³ floor,
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more!

Outside — "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside — "Brother" an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square
An' I was Junior Deacon in my mother-lodge out there!

1. Cigar lighter
2. Butler
3. Pantry

- 18th 1940: Bro. Winston Churchill urged his countrymen on to “Their finest hour”.
- 24th 1943: Bro. Sir Winston Churchill (Prime Minister of England) and Bro. Theodore Roosevelt (President of the USA) announce WWII at the conclusion of the Casablanca Conference. Bro. Roosevelt stated that” Peace can come to the world only by the elimination of German and Japanese war power. That means the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan.”
- 15th 1950: Death of Bro. and General “Hap” Arnold.
- 21st 1959: Death of movie mogul Bro. Cecil B de Mille.
- 24th 1965: Death of Bro. Sir Winston Churchill aged 90 years. He was initiated in the Studholme Lodge No. 1591 and raised on 25 March 1902 in Rosemary Lodge No. 285.



Bro. Winston Churchill

- 10th 1968: Sir John Grey Gorton becomes Prime Minister of Australia, serving until 10 March 1971. He was initiated in Kerang Lodge No. 100, Victorian Constitution on 5th February 1948.

Chapter Two

February

- 19th 1717: Born—David Garrick—once regarded as the greatest actor in the history of the English stage. Member of St Paul’s Lodge No. 194.
- ? 1723: Death of Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, architect of many of England’s famous buildings, the most well-known of which is St Paul’s Cathedral.



- 25th 1778: Born on this day, Jose de San Martin, South American liberator and Gran Presidente of the Grand Lodge of Buenos Aires. Together with many other famous South American hero Presidents was a member of a Lautaro lodge. The Lautaro lodges were not recognized by UGLE.
- 14th 1779: Killed in a scuffle over a stolen boat in Hawaii, Bro. James Cook, discoverer of Australia. Famous mariner. No evidence of his membership of the Order has been found but he was often referred to as a Freemason.

21st 1795: Born on this day, Antonio Lopes de Santa Anna. He was a revolutionist who became President of Mexico. A Freemason who seized the Alamo in 1836 at which battle 49 Freemasons lost their lives including Davy Crockett.

Santa Anna was captured by another Freemason, Sam Houston. It is said that on his capture at San Jacinto, a Masonic sign of distress saved his life. Certainly after the slaughter at the Alamo something unusual must have happened to have saved him. He presented his Masonic apron to John Stiles, one of his guards.

24th 1836: On this day Bro. Samuel Colt received the patent for his colt revolver a handgun that changed the West.

10th 1837: Bro. Alexander Pushkin dies in duel at St Petersburg in Russia.

26th 1846: Born, “Buffalo Bill Cody” (Real name William F Cody) a former pony express rider, Indian fighter, plainsman, showman, government scout. He killed Yellow Hand the Chief of the Cheyenne in a hand to hand fight. He was a member of Euphrates Chapter No. 15. On receiving his Mark Master Degree he chose a buffalo head as his mark.

6th 1889: Born, the movie screen’s first “Tarzan” Bro. Elmo Lincoln, in 1918—Bro. Lincoln played Tarzan for a period of 5 years. A member of Elysian Lodge No. 418.

27th 1891: Born this day, David Sarnoff. A member of Lodge Strict Observance No. 94, Bro. Sarnoff went on to become Chairman of the Board of RCA.

14th 1895: On this day opened Bro. Oscar Wilde’s last play ‘The Importance of being Earnest’ It opened to much acclaim in the St James Theatre in London.

20th 1920: Explorer Bro Robert Peary died on this day.

9th 1923: Viscount Stanley Melbourne Bruce became Australia’s 4th Prime Minister. Initiated in the Old Melbournian’s Lodge No. 17 on 12 June 1925 he became a foundation member of Lodge Australia No. 6505, EC, consecrated in London on the 3rd July 1947.

11th 1945: Bro Theodore Roosevelt and Bro. Winston Churchill on this day signed the Yalta Agreement together with Josef Stalin, the Soviet Leader, at Yalta on the Black Sea.

20th 1962: On this day, Bro. John Glenn was the first American to orbit the earth. He was 40 years old at the time he completed three orbits on board “Friendship 7”. He made history by returning to space at the age of 77. He is a member of Concord Lodge No. 688.

25th 1965: Death of world famous entertainer Bro. Nat King Cole at the age of 45.



Bro. Nat King Cole

Chapter Three

MARCH

19th 1314: Grand Master of the Knights Templar, Jacques de Molay, was on this day slowly roasted over a smokeless fire on a small island in the River Seine, Paris. His last words were” Let evil swiftly befall those who have wrongly condemned us and God will avenge us.” Pope Clement V died a month later on 20 April and Philip IV, King of France, was killed whilst out hunting on 29th November the same year.

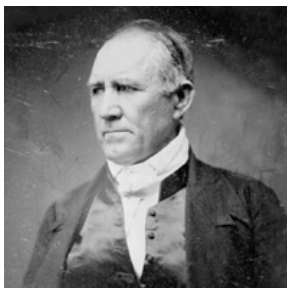
21st 1685: Born on this day, Bro. Johann Sebastian Bach a noted and influential composer of his day.

20th 1727: Sir Isaac Newton died on this day. Famous physicist, mathematician and astronomer. Popularly known as the discoverer of gravity, he was in fact a very eminent physicist and the author of “*Phiosophica Naturalis principia Mathematica*” one of the most important and influential works on physics of all time.

Evidence of his membership of Freemasonry is not available but he is thought to have definitely been on the square as a result of his membership of the semi- Masonic Gentleman’s Club of Spalding. He was also Grand Master of the Priory de Sion.



- 31st 1732: Born Bro. Franz Joseph Haydyn—the composer who became known as the “father of symphony”. He composed more than 120 symphonies during his lifetime and hundreds of other works. Masonic Bro. Amadeus Mozart sponsored Bro. Haydyn’s entry into the craft in Lodge Zur Wahrn Eintracht at Vienna on 4 February 1785. Mozart was present at his raising.
- 5th 1737: Frederick, Prince of Wales, the first English Royal Freemason was initiated and passed on the same night.
- 23rd 1743: Bro. George Frederick Handel’s “Messiah” premieres in London on this day.
- 15th 1767: Born, in a log cabin, Bro. Andrew Jackson, destined to become the 7th President of the USA on 4 March 1829. He was a member of Harmony Lodge No. 1 at Nashville, an honorary member of Federal Lodge No. 1 and a member of the Mark and Royal Arch.
- 23rd 1775: Bro. Patrick Henry gave his “liberty” speech on this day at St John’s Church, Richmond, USA.” I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.”
- 2nd 1793: Born this day—Bro. Sam Houston, the father of Texas independence. Member of Cumberland Lodge No. 8 Became First President of the Republic of Texas.



- 21st 1806 Born, Bro. Benito Juarez—a full blooded Zapotek Indian, who became the President of Mexico. His full name was Benito Pablo Juarez. He is regarded as a symbol of liberation in Mexico and his birthday is a public holiday there. Another famous liberator who was a member of the Lautaro Lodges.
- 12th 1812: Born, Bro. Ignaclo Commonfort, President of Mexico. He was murdered by bandits on 13 November 1863.
- 3rd 1831: Bro. George Mortimer Pullman was born on this day. As an inventor and industrialist he became famous for his design of the railway sleeping car known as the “Pullman”. His company The Pullman Palace Car Company became the biggest railway car building business in the world. He was a member of Renovation Lodge No. 97. He died in a railroad accident.
- 23rd 1832: Death of Bro. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. He was initiated in Lodge Amalia, Vienna, on 23 June 1774.
- 6th 1836: The most famous battle of the Texas revolution when Bro General Santa Anna’s army of several thousand Mexican soldiers massacred the 187 defenders of the mission known as The Alamo. The defenders included 49 Freemasons the most well-known of which were the commander of the garrison Colonel William Barrett Travis, James Bonham, James Bowie, and David Crockett.
- 21st 1869: Born—Bro. Florez Ziegfeld—showman supreme and impresario. Founder of the famous Ziegfeld Follies.
- 24th 1874: Death, from peritonitis, Bro. Harry Houdini (Born Weiss) in Budapest, Hungary. As an escapologist he became world famous. He was a member of St Cecile Lodge No. 568.

- 31st 1878: Born today, Bro. Jack Johnson—world heavyweight boxing champion. His real name was John Arthur Johnson. became world champion by defeating Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia. He died in a motorcar accident on 10 June 1946.
- 5th 1884: The cornerstone of the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island, New York City. The Statue of Liberty was sculpted by a freemason Bro. Frederick Auguste Bartholdi.
- 20th 1890: Born this day, Bro. Lauritz C H Melchior, famous operatic tenor. He was a member of St John's Lodge in Copenhagen.
- 26th 1902: Died, Cecil John Rhodes, founder of Rhodesia (Now known as Zimbabwe). Mining Magnate and multi-millionaire. He is buried in the Matopos Hills of Matabeleland.
- 1st 1904: Born this day, bandleader Glenn Miller. His many famous recordings include 'Moonlight Serenade', 'String of Pearls' and 'Sleepy Lagoon'. As Major Miller he was leader of the US Army Air Force Band. His plane disappeared on 15 December 1944 on a flight to Paris.
- 26th 1909: Born at Billy Goat Hill in Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia, John William Pilbeam Goffage who became famous as an actor under the name of Chips Rafferty. Became a member of Lodge Literature No. 500 on 5 December 1957.
- 17th 1919: Born, entertainer and singer Bro. Nat King Cole. Popular world-wide entertainer, he learned to play the piano at age 4. A member of Thomas Wailer Lodge No. 49.

- 12th 1923: Born, Astronaut and Masonic Bro. Walter M Schirra. Made a Mason at sight by the Grand Master of Masons Florida. Commander of Apollo 7.



- 5th 1924: Debut of the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" created by Bro. Harold Gray. Within a short time was appearing in over 250 newspapers throughout the world. Bro Gray was a charter member of Lombard Lodge No. 1098.
- 8th 1930: Died—Bro. Warren Howard Taft, 27th President of the USA. . Made a Mason at sight on 18 June 1909 he affiliated to Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 on 14 April 1910.
- 11th 1942: General and Bro. Douglas MacArthur leaves the Philippines promising "I will return", a promise he kept 3 years later.
- 5th 1946: Bro. Sir Winston Churchill delivers his famous Iron Curtain" speech "from Stella in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent." He was speaking at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.
- 11th 1955: Died, Sir and Bro. Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin.
- 10th 1971: Sir William McMahon, a member of Lodge University of Sydney No. 544, becomes Freemasonry's last Prime Minister of Australia.

Chapter Four

APRIL

- 21st 1012 BC. Construction begins on King Solomon's Temple.
- 27th 1737: Born on this day, Edward Gibbon the English historian famous for his History of the Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire, which took 16 years to write. He was a member of Friendship Lodge No. 6 in London.
- 28th 1738: Pope Clement XII issued the first Papal Bull against Freemasonry.
- 18th 1775: On this day Bro. Paul Revere undertook his famous ride from Boston to Lexington warning the countryside that the British were coming.
- 17th 1789: On this date the Presidential Oath of Office in the USA was sworn for the first time when Bro. George Washington took office as the first President.
- 17th 1790: Bro. Benjamin Franklin dies. Quote from Bro. Franklin.

"Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which am only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials

remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncivilized forest, or in the bus I/haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able afford relief to a Brother Mason'

5th 1819: Theodore R Timby was born on this day. He was one of the most prolific inventors of his day numbering amongst his inventions the floating dry dock, revolving gun turret for ships, a method for raising sunken ships, the turbine water wheel and the first workable 33" mercurial barometer. In addition he developed a system of coastal defences which included the sighting and firing of heavy guns by means of electricity, Tower and shield and a cordon across channel. Bro. Timby was a member of Rising Sun Lodge No. 103.

10th 1827: Born, Lewis (Lew) Wallace a Union General in the civil war in America—famous author of "Ben Hur". Member of Fountain Lodge No. 60

2nd 1838: Born on this day, Bro. Leon Ganbette, Premier of France. Died from an accidental gunshot.

7th 1847: Died—Motor car mogul Bro. Henry Ford—age 83.

15th 1865: Abraham Lincoln dies—Bro. Andrew Jackson becomes the US President.

2nd 1875: Born, Bro. Walter Chrysler—motorcar manufacturer. President of the Buick Motor Co. 1916-1919, Vice-President of General Motors Corporation 1919-1920, Executive Vice-President of Willys-Overland Co. 1920-1922. Chairman of the Chrysler Corporation, died 18 August 1940.

20th 1884: The longest Roman Catholic Encyclical against Freemasonry was issued on this day by Pope Leo XIII, entitled *Humanas Genus* in which the Pope divided the world into two people, the Catholics and the people of the devil.

7th 1891: Died on this day, Bro. P T Barnum—circus impresario.

20th 1894: Born on this day, Bro. Harold Lloyd, star of the silent movies—he made more than 250 comedies. Famous for his horn-rimmed glasses and straw hat.

25th 1897: On this day, Leo Taxil published his confession in "La Frondeur". His real name was Gabriel Jogand Pages and he caused untold damage to the image of Freemasonry in the late 1800's. His invented system known as *Palladian Freemasonry* was devoted to the worship of Satan.

Together with a Dr Henri Bataille he produced a vast number of weekly publications titled *Le Diable au Dix Neuvieme Siecle* in which it was affirmed that behind the universal Freemasonry was another most secret Masonry which directed the whole institution, a system of satan worship and pseudo-supernaturalism.

He exploited the history of adoptive Freemasonry by revealing that there were lodges of women connected with the ordinary lodges, suggesting dubious and sinister connections between them. The Grand Mistress was Diana Vaughan.

In the end he recanted and confessed that the entire story was a figment of his imagination, but as this confession came years after he had begun his bogus claims, the damage had already been done.



- 6th 1909: Antarctic explorer and Masonic Bro. Robert E Peary discovered the North Pole on this day. He was a member of Explorers Lodge Kane, No. 454. His navigator, African American Matthew Henson (Also a mason) accompanied by two Eskimo guides, is said to have reached the North Pole just a few minutes ahead of Peary. Bro. Peary died in 1955 at the age of 81.



Bro. Peary



Bro Henson

- 21st 1910: Death of Bro. Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens).
- 6th 1918: Masonic history made on this day in Jerusalem when a group of Freemasons held a meeting in King Solomon's Temple. A lodge meeting was held of brethren who formed the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (In Palestine & Egypt) Masonic Association in the cellars that were part of KST and which then, as now, formed part of the structure known as the Dome of the Rock. Authority for the meeting was given by the Grand Imam of the Dome who, having proven himself to be a member of the craft, acted as one of the two outer guards for the meeting.
- 7th 1930: Sir Earle Christmas Grafton Page took office on this day as Australian prime Minister, He was to serve in this capacity for nine years. He was a member of Lodge Leopold No. 87.
- 21st 1936: On this day the Grand Lodge of Texas dedicated a Masonic memorial on the Alamo's San Jacinto battlefield it contains the 49 names of the brethren who died at "The Alamo" on 6 September 1816.
- 26th 1939: Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, a member of Austral Temple Lodge No. 110, in Victoria, took over as Australia's Prime Minister, His personal standard was presented to the Hearts of Oak Lodge No. 681 in 1976, which was a lodge dedicated to the little ships that supported the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940.
- 12th 1945: President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died on this day whilst in office. He was succeeded by Masonic Bro. Harry S Truman.

22nd 1961: On this day in the Cape Town City Hall was founded The Grand Lodge of Southern Africa. Although not an historic event as envisaged in these pages it is included as many of the South African leaders and Presidents of the various Provinces were members of the Order.

14th 1995: Death of Bro. Burl Ives.



Bro. Burl Ives

Chapter Five

May

23rd 1617: Born in Lichfield, Staffordshire, the well-known English chemist and antiquary, Elias Ashmole who has the distinction of being the first British Speculative Freemason. According to his diary he was made a member of a lodge at Warrington on 16 October 1646.

18th 1692: Died—Elias Ashmole (Date of death could be the 19th).

30th 1778: Died—French Author, philosopher and Freemason Bro. Jean Voltaire.

19th 1795: Died—Dr and Bro. James Boswell.

22nd 1819: The first ship (The Savannah) to be equipped with a steam engine began its voyage across the ocean. Its skipper was Masonic Bro. Moses Rogers.

5th 1821: Died Napoleon Bonaparte, at St Helena, whilst in exile.

7th 1824: On this day was the last appearance on stage of Bro. Beethoven, conducting a performance of his 9th symphony in Venice —He was totally deaf at that time.

20th 1834: Death of the Marquis de Lafayette, in Paris.

6th 1856: Born—Robert E Peary.

7th 1868: Died on this day—Bro. Henry Peter Brougham—Lord High Chancellor of England.

- 23rd 1883: Born this day, Bro. Douglas Fairbanks Jnr. One of the silent screen's famous movie stars. Member of the Beverly Hills lodge No. 528.
- 8th 1884: Born on this day Bro. Harry S Truman who took office as President of the USA on 12 April 1945 on the death of Bro. F D Roosevelt. Bro. Truman was a member of Belton Lodge No. 450 and served as a Masonic Lecturer, Deputy Grand Master and in 1940 Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. When he died on 28 December 1972 he was buried in his library grounds—the only Masonic funeral ever to be televised.
- 11th 1888: On this day, born in Russia, - the son of Moses and Leah Baline, composer and Masonic Bro. Irving Berlin. His many famous compositions include Alexander's Rag Time Band, A Pretty Girl is like a Melody, White Christmas and hundreds more. A member of Munn Lodge No. 190.
- 29th 1891: Died this day, Sir William Gilbert of Gilbert and Sullivan fame. He died after saving a woman from drowning
- 1st 1896: Born on this day, US Army General Mark Wayne Clark Member of The Mystic Tie Lodge No. 398.
- 31st 1898: Born this day, well known preacher, author and famous motivator, Bro. Norman Vincent Peale, a member of Midwood Lodge No. 1062 in Brooklyn wrote several books the most famous of which is *The Power of Positive Thinking*.
- 27th 1902: Born, Peter Marshall, Chaplain to the US Senate. He became internationally famous from his posthumous autobiography "A Man Called Peter". He was a member of Old Monkland St Johns Lodge No. 177 in Cambridge, England.

- 27th 1916: The famous movie producer, Bro. Jack Warner was born on this day. Member of Mount Olive Lodge No. 506.
- 31st 1928: Bro. Charles Kingsford-Smith, Charles Ullmann (both Australians) and Americans Harry Lyon and James Warner, left Oakland, California, on this day on the first ever flight across the Pacific Ocean.
- 7th 1932: Assassination of Bro. Paul Doumer, 13th President of France. He was a member of Lodge L'Union Fraternelle of Paris. He was founder of the Voltaire Lodge in Paris.
- 28th 1971: Died in an airplane crash —American war hero of WWII, Bro. Audie Murphy—Awarded more medals than any other soldier.



Audie Murphy

Chapter Six

JUNE

- 17th 1794: Died—Bro. Robert H Lee. Prominent in the American revolution.
- 6th 1799: Born this day, Alexander Pushkin, Russian poet. His “Ode to Liberty” written in 1820 caused his exile to Southern Russia. Telepnelf in his “Russian Freemasonry during the reign of Alexander” credits Pushkin as being a Freemason. Pushkin was killed in a duel in St Petersburg on 10 February 1837.
- 27th 1844: Assassinated whilst in gaol, at Carthage, the founders of the Mormon Church, Joseph and Hiram Smith. At that time, Joseph Smith was the Presidential candidate of the National reform Party. Both were Freemasons, as were the first five Presidents of the Mormon Church.



The First 5 Presidents of Mormon Church
were members of Nauvoo Lodge.

- 8th 1845: Died—Bro. Andrew Jackson—7th President of the USA.
- 19th 1861: Born this day, Jose Rizal, national hero of the Philippines, made a Freemason in Acacia Lodge No. 9 in Spain in 1884. He was a member of several lodges.
- 3rd 1864: Born, Bro. Rawson E Olds, pioneer of the motorcar industry. In 1886 built first 3 wheeled horseless carriage. The Oldsmobile motorcar is named after him.
- 19th 1867: Bro. Ferdinand Maximilian Joseph, Emperor of Mexico was, on this day, executed by firing squad by the forces of Bro. Benito Juarez. It is claimed that he applied to Bro. Juarez to spare his life but Juarez, claiming that the emperor was not a Freemason, went ahead with the execution.
- 17th 1885: The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City on this day on board the French ship “Isere”. Shipped in 350 separate pieces it was sculpted by Masonic Bro. Frederic Auguste Bartholdi and was a gift from the people of France to America.
- 25th 1886: Born this day, American General “Hap” Arnold, He was Commander of Army and Airforces in all theatres of war in WWII . Member of Union Lodge No. 17, Received his 32nd Degree AASR at Fort Leavenworth. 11 April 1929.
- 29th 1888: Britain’s first appendectomy operation was performed on this day on Bro. Edward, Prince of Wales, who was the eldest son of Queen Victoria. He was Wor. Master of several lodges and was installed as Grand Master on 28th April 1875. He served as Grand Master until 1901 in which year he ascended the throne of England as Edward VII whereupon he took the title “Protector of the Craft”.



- 14th 1902: Born this day, Bro. Burl Ives—world renowned concert, stage, radio, film and television performer. Famous for his renditions of Jimmy Crack Corn, Big Rock Candy Mountain and Blue Tail Fly. Initiated in 1977 into Magnolia Lodge No. 242. Died 14 April 1995.
- 24th 1913: Took office on this day Bro. Sir Joseph Cook, as the Prime Minister of Australia. A member of Lodge Independent No. 8, London Lodge No. 3556. Rank of PSGD conferred upon him by UGLE.
- 20th 1924: Born, Bro. Audie Murphy, America’s most decorated soldier in WW II. He was raised in North Hollywood Lodge No. 542 on 4 April 1955. Also a member of Heritage Lodge No. 764 and the AASR. Died in a plane crash on 28 May 1971.
- 5th 1947: Bro. George C Marshall introduces to the world the “Marshall Plan” for European aid to those countries seriously affected by WWII. He was made a Mason at sight on 16th December 1941 by Ara M Daniels, Grand Master of the G.L. of Columbia.
- 26th 1947: Died at Mackeiham, England, Bro. Viscount Bedford Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada.
- 12th 1966: Billy Graham on this day, addressed the National Council of Churches luncheon in which he gave great praise to Masonic Bro. Norman Vincent Peale. Billy Graham’s membership of the Order has a question mark upon it, but there are no question marks on the membership of his colleagues—William M Watson (Director of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association), David M McConnell (Director of the same Association) and Arthur Lee Mallory (Company Chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade Advisory Committee), all of whom were Freemasons.

- 8th 2001 On this day came to an end the century-old partnership between Ford and Firestone. This business partnership between the giants Firestone Tyre and The Ford Corporation came to an end after a century of association. The partnership was originally started by two Freemasons, Bro. Harvey S Firestone and Bro. Henry Ford.



Brothers Henry Ford
and Harvey Firestone

Chapter Seven

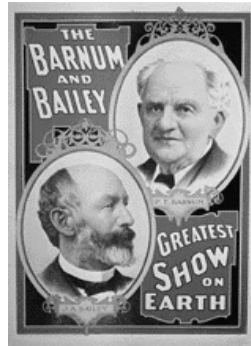
July

- 29th 1588: English fleet defeats the Spanish armada. The English fleet was commanded by Masonic Bro. Charles Howard, the 1st Earl of Nottingham and 2nd Baron of Effingham. He was Grand Master of England 1579-1588.
- 6th 1747: Born this day, John Paul Jones, at Arbigland, Kirkcudbright, Scotland, 5th of 7 children, he went to sea at age 12 and was a Captain at age 21. Founder of the US navy. Member of Lodge St Cuthbert Kilwinning No. 41.
- 28th 1756: Died—Bro. Johann Sebastian Bach.
- 4th 1776: The American Declaration of Independence was signed on this day. Nine Freemasons signed this including Bro. John Hancock who signed the Declaration on behalf of Congress.
- 5th 1781: On this day, born at sea off Jamaica, the founder of Singapore, Sir Thomas Stanfield Raffles. Initiated in Lodge Vertutis et Artiz Aminci, a lodge that was established on the Pomdoz-Gedeh Coffee Estate near Buitensorg, Java. He was raised on 5 July 1813 in Lodge Friendship, Java. Died on his birthday 1826.
- 24th 1783: Born in Caracas, Venezuela and also known as the Liberator of South America, Simon Bolivar, who liberated Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (named after him) from Spanish tyranny. Made a Mason in Cadiz, Spain in 1807, became a member of the ASSR in Paris the same year. He founded and was Installation Master of Lodge Protectorande Las Veritudes, Lodge No. 1 Venezuela in 1824.

- 18th 1792: Died, John Paul Jones.
- 13th 1793: The Leader of the French Revolution Jean Paul Murat was murdered in his bath tub by Charlotte Corday. He was made a Mason in England On 15 July 1774.

21st 1796: Died—Bro. Robert Burns at age 37.

- 5th 1810: Phineas Taylor Barnum born on this day. Bro. Barnum was a circus Impresario and was renowned for his promotion of the bizarre and unusual. His “Greatest Show on Earth” opened in 1871. In 1881 he merged with his rival J A Bailey to form the Barnum and Bailey Circus.



26th 1810: Died—Bro. J M Montgolfier—inventor of the hot air balloon.

7th 1816: Died—Bro. R B Sheridan—Irish poet.

21st 1831: Accession of Leopold I, the first king of Independent Belgium on its separation from Holland. (His full name was Georges Chretien Frederic). He was made a Mason in Lodge Esperance at Berne, Switzerland at the age of 23, in 1813. As King he could not attend lodge meetings but retained a great interest in its workings, taking Freemasonry under his official protection.

11th 1838: Born this day, John Wannamaker. Noted American merchant and public benefactor. Built the children's ward at the hospital which he founded, Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia. Also founded the Wannamaker Institute of Industry, Bethany Dispensary, First Penny savings Bank, the

Eritrea YMCA and college buildings in India, China, Japan and Korea. In 1914 he sent two relief ships to Belgium. A member of Friendship Lodge No. 400.

5th 1853: Born, Cecil John Rhodes, Rhodesia—now Zimbabwe, was named after him. His name appears on the charter of Bulawayo Lodge No. 2566. In 1895 he gave the lodge a site on which to build a Masonic hall. South African millionaire & founder of the Rhodes Scholarship, he was once head of the company that controlled 90% of the world's known diamond production. A member of Apollo University lodge No. 357, A Prince Rose Crois and a 30 degree member of the AASR. He is buried in the Matopos Hills in Matabeleland.

1-3 1863: The Battle of Gettysburg. Many Freemasons participated in this battle. A significant event took place on 2nd July with the defense of the hill known as Little Round Top by a regiment commanded by Bro. Col. (later Major General) Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. The climax came the next day when General Lee ordered 12 000 men to attack. known as “Pickett's Charge” after Pickett who was in command of it (Pickett was also a Freemason). The opposing commanders were both Freemasons, namely Brig. General Lewis Addison Armistead and on the Union side, Major General W S Hancock (Both of whom were friends as well as Masons). General Armistead is shot twice and as he went down he gave a Masonic sign of distress and an enemy Captain, Masonic Bro. Henry H Bingham came to his aid. Today this event of brotherly love is recognized by a dramatic statue erected in the Gettysburg Museum.



- 30th 1863: Born today, Henry Ford, the mogul of the motor car industry. His assembly line method of car making revolutionized the industry. For many years his Model T Ford made up half the world's production of cars. Raised in Palestine Lodge No. 357 in 1928, he died in Detroit on 7 April 1947 at age 83.



Early Model T Ford.

- 19th 1865: Born, co-founder of the famous Mayo Clinic, Charles Horace Mayo. Member of Rochester Lodge No. 21, RA, KT, AASR (32nd degree). Died in Chicago 26 May 1939.
- 3rd 1870: Born, Masonic Bro. R D Bennett who became Prime Minister of Canada from 1930-1935. member of Mirimachi Lodge No. 18 and Lodge Ashlar No. 28.
- 18th 1872: Died, Bro. Benito Juarez.
- 4th 1878: Born George M Cohan, actor, playwright, comedian, composer and producer. Member of Pacific Lodge 233 NYC. Died 5 November 1942.
- 4th 1884: Born on this day Bro. George W Trendle, creator of radio and TV Shows such as The Green Hornet, The Lone Ranger, Sergeant Preston of the Yukon. Member of Ashlar Lodge,. No. 91.

- 1st 1885: Born, Louis B Mayer. Credited with discovering many famous film stars that became household names. A member of St Cecile Lodge No. 568.
- 31st 1886: Died, Bro. Franz von Liszt—Hungarian and world famous composer.
- 28th 1892: Born this day, well-known comedian and stage and screen star, Joe E Brown. Member of Rubicon Lodge No. 237.
- 2nd 1900: On this day Bro. Jan Sibelius premieres his “Finlandia”.
- 24th 1900: On this day the first Australian serviceman to win a Victoria Cross was Bro. Captain Neville Howse who was serving in the South African Boer War with the New South Wales Army Medical Corps.
- 14th 1913: Gerald R Ford, who became President of the USA on 9 August 1974, was born as Leslie L King Jr. Later adopted and took the name of his mother's 2nd husband. Member of Malta Lodge No. 405.
- 18th 1913: Famous comedian “Red” Skelton born this day. He was raised in Vincinnes Lodge No. I in 1939. Also a recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Grand Lodge of New York as well as the highest award of the AASR The Gourgas Medal in 1995.
- 19th 1921: Born, astronaut John Glenn, Only man to go into space at age 77. An ardent Freemason and member of AASR.
- 22nd 1923: Born, Bob J Dole—US Senator. Member of Russell Lodge AASR No. 177.

14th 1927: On this day was laid the foundation stone of the largest war memorial in the world, namely the Peace Memorial Building more familiar known to Freemasons as the UGLE Grand Lodge building in Great Queen Street, London.

19th 1941: Bro. Winston Churchill launches his “V for Victory” campaign as Prime Minister of England.

19th 1945: Date of the Potsdam Conference when Bro. Winston Churchill, Bro. Harry S Truman and the Soviet leader Stalin met to draw up what became known as the Potsdam Agreement, fixing the division of Germany at the conclusion of WWII.

21st 1961: Bro. and astronaut Virgil Gus Grissom became the second American to orbit the earth. Tragically killed in a launch pad explosion in 1967.

20th 1969: Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin land the lunar module “Eagle” on the surface of the moon at 4.17 p.m. EST. Although Buzz Aldrin is definitely a Freemason there is a question mark as to whether Neil Armstrong was on the square although many brethren assert as such.

6th 1971: Died—Bro. Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong.



23rd 1973: Died—WWI flying ace Bro. Eddie Rickenbakker.

24th 1980: Died—famous actor comedian Bro. Peter Sellers.

Chapter Eight

AUGUST

24th 1738: Pope Clement XII (248th Pope) issues In Eminenti Apostolatus Specular which stated” *For which reason the temporal and spiritual communications are enjoined in the name of the holy obedience, neither to enter the society of Freemasons, to disseminate its principles, to defend it, nor to admit nor conceal it within their homes or places, or elsewhere, under the pain of excommunication, ipso facto*

26th 1740: Born, Joseph Michel Montgolfier, inventor of the hot air balloon together with his brother Jacque Etienne. They carried out experiments in 1782 using paper and fabric bags filled with smoke and hot air. Both brothers were Freemasons. Joseph died at Balarcles-Bans in France on 26 July 1810.

28th 1749: Born, Johan Wolfgang von Goethe, a German poet, author, dramatist and philosopher. His last words were “mehr licht” meaning “more light”. This very famous man was initiated into Amelia Lodge on 23 June 1780.

15th 1769: Born at Corsica, Napoleon Bonaparte. No evidence of his Masonic membership but strongly believed to have been a member.

15th 1771: Born, Bro. Sir Walter Scott, a prolific and famous novelist and poet. His most well-known books are Ivanhoe, Quentin Durwood and The Talisman. Initiated, passed and raised in St Davids Lodge No. 36.

17th 1786: Born David Crockett “King of the Wild Frontier”. Famous American frontiersman, adventurer and soldier. The Grand Lodge of Texas include him in the list of 48 Freemasons who died at the battle of the Alamo, although no proof of his membership has ever been found.

22nd 1787: Bro. John Fitch demonstrates his invention, the steam boat, on the Delaware River. He committed suicide by taking poison on 18 July 1798 after, according to tradition, Robert Fulton borrowed his drawings and then stole his invention.

25th 1794: Born, Louis Annance, Chief of important Canadian tribe of Indians. Member of North Star Lodge in 1834.

8th 1828: Born Count Leo Tolstoi (Tolstoy), famous Russian novelist who wrote “War and Peace”. He wrote many other novels including “Anna Karenina”. Although there is no record of direct Masonic connection as he was born at a time when Freemasonry was forbidden in Russia, but the book “War and Peace” describes the Masonic initiation with great accuracy and refers to many of his characters as being members of the craft.

8th 1844: Brigham Young was chosen on this day to lead the Mormon Church. He was a member of Milner Lodge No. 303. Note the Masonic stick-pin in the photograph that follows. Bro Young wore this stick-pin at every opportunity. This picture is often used by the Church and the stick-pin is usually whitened” out on those pictures.



19th 1848: On this day Bro. James Marshall discovered gold at Sutter’s Mill. John Sutter was also a Freemason. A bronze statue stands on the spot where he made his discovery. Strangely enough, both brethren died broke.

27th 1859: On this day Bro. Edwin L Drake became the first man to successfully drill for oil from the ground. He hit oil at 23 metres. He was a member of Oil Creek Lodge No. 3

8th 1868: Born this day, Bro. Matthew Henson—an African American explorer. Orphaned as a youth, at age 12 he served as a cabin boy on a sailing ship—The Kathy Hinds. He met Masonic Bro. Robert Peary whilst working in Washington and together they explored Antarctica. he was a member of Celestial Lodge No. 3.



Bro. Mathew Henson

16th 1868: Born this day Bro. Bernard MacFadden, publisher of magazines such as Physical Culture, True Romance, True Detective Mysteries, amongst others. Made parachute jumps at ages of 81, 83 and 84. Member of Publicity Lodge No. 1000.

6th 1881: Born—Bro. Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin. Born at Lochfield, Scotland. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1954 for his discovery. He was active in many craft lodges and in 1942 was awarded Grand Lodge rank by UGLE. Member of Sancta Maria Lodge No. 2682 and Misericodi Lodge No. 3286, both in London. He was awarded the highest award given by the Grand Lodge of New York, The Distinguished Achievement Medal, in 1953.

- 12th 1881: Born Cecil B De Mille. Movie mogul. Produced more than 70 major films, all on a large scale. ‘Sequels’ a commonly-used strategy in the movie business was one of his ideas. Member of the Peace of Orange Lodge No. 16.
- 5th 1885: On this day was laid the cornerstone of the Statue of Liberty, with Masonic ceremony.
- 4th 1901: Born this day—Bro. Louis ‘Satchmo’ Armstrong. Jazz trumpeter and singer. One of his biggest hits was “What a Wonderful World”. Member of Lodge Montgomery under the Prince Hall Constitution
- 31st 1903: Born, Arthur Godfrey, Radio and TV personality. Member of Acacia Lodge No. 18.
- 18th 1904: Sir George Huston Reid took office on this day as Prime Minister of Australia. A member of Lodge Centennial No. 169. At the time of his initiation he was the Premier of New South Wales.
- 21st 1904: Born this day, Walter ‘Count’ Basey. Big band leader of American jazz. Member of a craft lodge and also the Shrine under the Prince Hall affiliation.
- 27th 1908: Born, Lyndon B Johnson, 36th President of the USA. Initiated in the St Johns Lodge No. 561 on 30 October 1937. He never aspired beyond the degree of EA. Died 22 November 1968.
- 20th 1923: Died, former USA President and Masonic Bro. Warren H Harding.



President Harding Speaking of his Initiation.

“I say it with due deliberation and without fear of breaking faith, I have never encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, never heard an obligation uttered which could not be openly proclaimed to the world.

More, if the lessons taught were heeded, the obligations read were assumed, if the relationships urged were adopted, men would be infinitely better in their human relationships and better citizens of this country.”

- 10th 1924: On this day Bro. and President Roosevelt was struck down with polio.
- 15th 1935: Bro. Will Rogers died.
- 18th 1940: Bro. Walter P Chrysler died.
- 20th 1940: On this day Bro. Winston Churchill paid tribute to the Royal Air Force with his speech containing the now famous words” Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed to so many by so few.”
- 29th 1941: Sir Arthur William Fadden on this day became the Prime Minister of Australia. He held the position for less than six weeks. A member of Lodge Caledonia No. 737, Lodge Unity No. 300 and Lodge Launceston No. 110.
- 19th 1945: For the first time (now an annual event) the Capital of the Brandenburg State, Potsdam, was lit up by spotlights and lanterns on the “night of Illumination” as a commemoration of the signing of the Potsdam Agreement by Stalin and Bros. Winston Churchill and Harry S. Truman.

- 9th 1974: Bro. Gerald R Ford takes over as the 38th President of the USA on the resignation of Richard Nixon. He was initiated in Malta Lodge at Grand Rapids on the 30 September 1949.

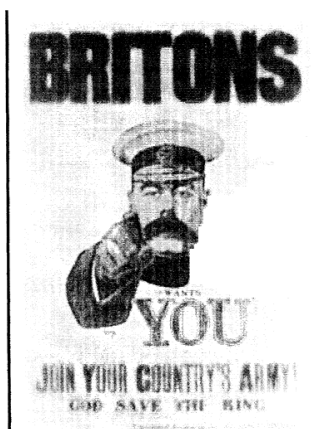


Chapter Nine

SEPTEMBER

- 14th 1321: Died, Dante Aligheri—an Italian poet and author. He was born in May 1265. He was a notable Rosicrucian and a Grand Master of the Rose Croix.
- 2nd 1666: The Great Fire of London broke out on this day in a baker's shop in Pudding Lane. In three days, most of the city was in ashes. Much of London was rebuilt as a result of the efforts of Masonic Bro. Sir Christopher Wren who became the Surveyor General of London. His most well-known building is of course St Paul's Cathedral.
- 21st 1756: Born on this day, Bro. John McAdam the Scottish inventor of the macadam road. Member of Squaremans Lodge No. 65.
- 6th 1757: Bro. Marquis de Lafayette joins forces with the USA in the revolutionary cause.
- 29th 1758: Born, Bro. Horatio Nelson, English Naval hero of the Battle of Trafalgar during which a sharpshooter's musket ball shattered his spine.
- 19th 1776: Bro. George Washington's farewell address to the nation was published this day. He never actually delivered it.
- 19th 1777: Battle of Saratoga won by Bro. General David Morgan (Lodge Winsburg No. 67) and Bro. Benedict Arnold (Hiram Lodge).

- 19th 1778: Born, Bro. Henry Peter Brougham—Lord High Chancellor of England in 1830. The Brougham carriage was named after him. A member of Fortrose Lodge.
- 3rd 1783: Treaty of Paris signed, ending the American Revolution was signed by 3 Americans, Bro. Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Jay.
- 30th 1791: First performance, in Vienna, of Mozart's Magic Flute. Mozart a musical prodigy was performing advanced piano exercises at age 5 and wrote his first opus at age 20. He died at age 35. The Magic Flute is recognized as being largely of a Masonic nature.
- 21st 1832: Died—Sir Walter Scott.
- 22nd 1850: Born—Horatio Herbert Kitchener. (Lord Kitchener of Khartoum). Governor General of the Sudan and Commander in Chief of India, was appointed Secretary of State for War in 1914. He died at sea in the sinking of the British cruiser HMS Hampshire on 6 June 19a6. His Masonic career since his initiation in La Concordia Lodge in Cairo in 1883 until he was lost at sea, reflects an astonishingly active Freemason.



- 15th 1857: Born, Howard Taft, destined to become the 27th President of the USA from 1909-1913.
- 1st 1868: Born on this day, Bro. Thomas Robins, inventor of the conveyor belt. Member of York Lodge No. 197.
- 3rd 1874: Born in Hungary, Bro. Harry Houdini (real name Erich Weiss) a great magician and the greatest escapologist of his day. Made a Mason in St. Cecile Lodge No. 568.
- 20th 1870: Garibaldi unites Italy. This is an extract from his 1860 autobiography.
- "Whenever there is a human rights cause, we are certain to find Freemasonry for it is the fundamental basis of all true liberal associations. Forever I will pride myself on my Masonic connections."*
- 12th 1876: Born on this day, Harry C Stutz, manufacturer of the Stutz Automobile. Member of the Ancient Landmarks Lodge No. 319.
- 19th 1881: Bro. James A Garfield, 20th President of the USA dies at the hands of an assassin, eleven weeks after being shot.
- 28th 1887: Bro. Avery Brundage is born. He was President of the International Olympics Association.
- 9th 1890: Born, Harland Davis Sanders—better known as Colonel Sanders, founder of the Kentucky Fried Chicken Chain.



- 2nd 1891: Born this day, Richard C Berkinshaw, President of General Tyre and Rubber Co. of Canada. A charter member of Kingsway Lodge No. 565 and a member of Georgina Lodge No. 343 in which Lodge he was raised on 2 November 1929.
- 6th 1901: On this day, Bro. and 25th President of the USA, William Mckinley, a member of Hiram lodge No. 21, is shot. He died 8 days later.
- 5th 1902: Born on this day, Hollywood producer Darryl F Zanuck a member of Mount Olive Lodge No. 506. He died on 21st December 1979.
- 29th 1907: Born this day, famous singing cowboy Gene Autry. He was an actor, singer, producer, writer of screen, stage, radio and TV shows. Starred in 55 musical western features and wrote over 250 songs including 'Silver haired Daddy of Mine'. A member of Catoosa Lodge No. 185.



Gene Autry

- 6th 1909: Bro. Robert Peary reaches the North Pole together with Bro. Matthew Henson. He was a member of Lodge Kane No. 452, the Mark, RA and a KT.
- 29th 1911: Mustafa Kemal Attaturk defends Turkey against an invasion from Italy. Classed as one of the great leaders of the world. He was the founder and First President of the Turkish Republic. Member of Lodge Macedonia Resorta e Veritas.
- 8th 1925: Born, actor and comedian Bro. Peter Sellers in South sea, Hampshire, England. Made famous for his roles as Police Inspector Clouseau in the Pink Panther movies.
- 3rd 1939: Bro. Winston Churchill becomes the First Lord of the Admiralty as Britain's ultimatum to Germany demanding a halt to the invasion of Poland expired at 11 am. At 11-15 am Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain announced Britain's Declaration of War against Germany.
- 15th 1940: On this day Bro. Winston Churchill gave a speech which included the now famous words "*Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.*" (This reference to the battle of Britain in which the British RAF was vastly outnumbered by the Germans—the RAF had 1457 airplanes against 2670 German bombers).
- 11th 1944: Bro Winston Churchill and Bro F D Roosevelt (A prime Minister and a President) meet in Canada for the 2nd Conference of Quebec.
- 2nd 1945: Bro Harry S Truman, President of the USA, proclaims "VJ Day" aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.
- 20th 1947: On this day died New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. Member of Garribaldi Lodge No. 542 in 1913. Became a life member of the lodge on 17 October 1933.

22nd 1950: Bro. Omar Bradley becomes a 5 Star general.



20th 1957: Dies bro. J J C Sibelius, nearly 92 yrs old.

22nd 1989: Dies, Bro. Irving Berlin aged 101 years.

3rd 1993: Died Bro. John J Robinson, renowned historian and researcher. Author of “The Lost secrets of Freemasonry” And “Born in Blood”. He died a few months after joining the Craft.



Chapter Ten

OCTOBER

13th 1307: King Philip IV of France arrests 15,000 Knights Templar. There are varying estimates of numbers arrested.

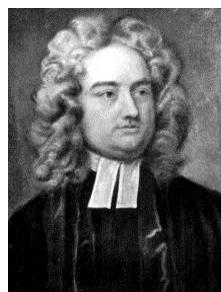
20th 1632: Born—Christopher Wren, at East Knowle, Wilshire. A Founding member of the Royal Society. Of his many accomplishments, his principal architecture of St Pauls Cathedral (which he took over from Bro. Inigo Jones) is the most well known.. The records of the Royal Society state that he was “adopted” into the Fraternity of Ancient and Accepted Masons on the 18 may 169?. Records of Lodge Reconciliation NOW Lodge of Antiquity No. 2 mention him as being a Master of the Lodge.



Inside St Pauls Cathedral

23rd 1724: Born—Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, the natural son of King George II and Mary Dunckerley, a fact kept secret from the King.

28th 1726: Irish born Catholic priest, Masonic Bro. Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels" went on sale this day in England. Its full title was "Travels into Several Remote Nations of the World" and was supposedly written by a restless sailor named Lemuel Gulliver.



29th 1740: Born—James Boswell, the Scottish biographer of Bro. Samuel Johnson and famous for his "The Life and Times of Samuel Johnson" a member of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge which he joined on 14 October 1755.

30th 1751: Birth of Richard Brinsley Sheridan a famous Irish dramatist and playwright Member of Lodge Antiquity No. 2 of London.

11th 1759: Born "Parson" Locke Weems, a traveling bookseller and Episcopal clergyman who created the false story about George Washington chopping down the cherry tree. He was a member of Dumfries Lodge No. 50.

25th 1760: King George III succeeds his Grandfather (George II) to the throne of England. He was not a member of the craft but his father Frederick, Prince of Wales, was a member being initiated in 1737. His younger brother William Frederick of Gloucester was also initiated into Britannic Lodge No. 1795. Six of his seven sons, a nephew and son-in-law were Freemasons.

25th 1764: Died on this day, Bro. William Hogarth, famous English painter and engraver.

20th 1774: Brothers George Washington, Patrick Henry and Benjamin Franklin were amongst 56 delegates to the Congress of Colonial leaders to affirm the Colonies rights to Life, Liberty and Property.

29th 1787: Bro. Mozart's "Don Giovanni" premieres at Prague at the National Theater. This opera was based on the legend of Don Juan.

13th 1792: On this day, Freemasons laid the cornerstone of the White House, but today no-one knows exactly where.

21st 1805: Viscount and Bro. Horatio Nelson dies at sea in the Battle of Trafalgar. There is some dispute as to his membership of the craft, but evidence to suggest he was a member of York Lodge No. 256.

22nd 1811: Born at Raiding in Hungary, Hungarian piano virtuoso and composer Franz von Liszt. He was initiated into Lodge Zur Einigkeit Frankfurt on the Main on 18 September 1841.

22nd 1836: Sam Houston was, on this day, elected President of Texas. He was known as the Father of Texas. A member of Louisiana Lodge No. 109, his opposition candidates for the Presidency were Masonic Bro. Stephen F Austin.



19th 1838: Born in Gloucester, Reuben A Steere—called the second Tom Thumb. At age 31 he weighed 43 lbs and was 44" tall. Member of Friendship Lodge No. 7 he served as the lodge Tyler for 15 years.

- 16th 1854: Born in Dublin, Ireland, Bro. Oscar Wilde, poet and playwright—his full name was Oscar Fingal O’Flahete Wills Wilde. His famous plays include *The Importance of Being Earnest* and the movie *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. His dying words were “the wallpaper is killing me, one of us has to go.” He died in Paris on 30 November 1900.
- 25th 1858: Born, famous Antarctic explorer Richard E Byrd. He dropped Masonic flags on both North and South Poles. A member of Federal Lodge No. 1.
- 27th 1858: Born on this day, Masonic Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the USA from 1901 to 1909. He took over the Presidency when President and Masonic Bro. William McKinley was shot. At the time, Bro. Roosevelt was 42 years of age, the youngest man ever to take office as the President of the USA.

QUOTATION FROM BRO. THEODORE ROOSEVELT

“I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest virtues in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men in all walks of life to meet on common ground, where all men are equal and have one common interest. For example, when I was President, the Master of my lodge was Bro. Doughty, who was the gardener for the estate of one of my neighbours and a most excellent public spirited citizen with whom I like to come in contact. Clearly I could not call upon him when I came home—it would have embarrassed him. Neither could he, without embarrassment, call on me. In the lodge it was different. He was over me, although I was President, and it was good for him and good for me.”



- 16th 1859: Bro. John Brown raided Harper’s Ferry and as a result was hanged in the following December (2nd December 1859). His son was also a Freemason.
- 24th 1861: On this day the world’s first telegram was sent. It was sent by Bro. Justice Stephen J Field to the USA President Lincoln. This was the first ever trans-continental telegraph message.
- 25th 1873: Born on this day, Bro. John N Willys, motorcar manufacturer. Member of Barton Smith Lodge No. 613.
- 28th 1886: On this day, Bro. Fredrick Auguste Bartholdi dedicated his famous 205’ high “Statue of Liberty Enlightening The World”, which was erected on Bedloe’s Island in New York harbor. A gift from France the Statue was sculpted by Bro. Bartholdi.
- 10th 1886: Bro. Griswold Lorillard designs the first ‘tuxedo’ for men. It was a symbolic adaptation of the Black & White ‘Beau Seant’, the banner of the Knights Templar during the crusades. He named it after the town in which he lived.
- 8th 1890: Born, WWI flying Ace Bro. Edward (Eddie) Rickenbakker who commanded the 94th Squadron in WWI.
- 1st 1894: Eleven years after the formation (by Royal assent) of the North West Mounted Police (The Mounties) the Mounties formed a Masonic lodge from within their ranks, known as the North West Mounted Police Lodge No. 61.
- 2nd 1898: Born this day, old time comedian, actor and star of radio, stage and screen, Bud Abbott of ‘Abbott and Costello’ fame. In WWII he was awarded the DSO with 9 Clusters, & the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was a member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 297 and a Shriner.

6th 1901: Bro. Booker T Washington dies in the White House whilst a guest of Bro. Teddy Roosevelt.

1st 1908: Bro. Henry Ford introduced the Model T Ford at a price US\$850. Between 1908 and 1927, fifteen million were sold. Bro. Ford was raised in Palestine Lodge No. 357 in 1894 in Detroit.

17th 1919: Bro. David Sarnoff created the Radio Corporation of America (RCA). E became known as the Father of American television.

6th 1922: On this day the world's first talking picture opened. "The Jazz Singer" - starring Bro. Al Jolson, a member of St Cecile Lodge No. 568. The man born in Srednike, in Lithuania became known as the "World's greatest entertainer".

31st 1926: Bro. Harry Houdini dies of peritonitis on Halloween Night.



30th 1938: Bro. Orson Welles and Bro., H G Wells give people an enormous and realistic panic-inciting scare with their radio broadcast "The Martians Are Invading the World".

31st 1941: Bro Gustav Borglum and his son Bro. Lincoln Borglum complete the faces of the four Presidents, Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln on the mountain side of Mount Rushmore. Bro. Gustav was a member of Howard Lodge No. 35 and his son Lincoln, Battle River Lodge No. 82



7th 1944: On this day two Freemasons battled for the USA Presidency, Thos. E Dewey and F D Roosevelt (ran for 4th term) When Roosevelt died he was succeeded by Masonic Bro. H S Truman. F D Roosevelt a member of Holland Lodge No. 8, T E Dewey a member of Kane Lodge No. 454, H S Truman a member of Belton Lodge No. 450.

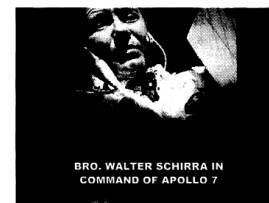
24th 1945: The U.N.O. was officially founded on this day at Dunbarton Oaks. The Name "United nations" was the brainchild of Bro. F D Roosevelt.

30th 1953: Bro. and General George C Marshall wins the Nobel Prize for his "Marshall Plan".

12th 1955: Died —Bro. B MacFadden, after a 3 day fast, aged 87.

11th 1962: Pope John XXIII rescinds Catholic anathema against Freemasonry.

11th 1968: Bro. Walter Schirra and Bro. Don Eisle take Masonic items with them in Apollo 7 to leave them on the Moon. Bro. Schirra was also the command pilot of the history-making Gemini 6 flight to rendezvous with the already orbiting Gemini 7 spacecraft.



29th 1998: Astronaut Bro. John Glenn at the age of 77 goes back into space, 36 years after his previous flight on 20th February 1962. He is a member of Concord Lodge No. 688 in Ohio.

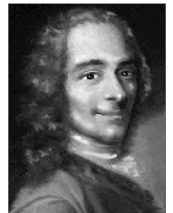
Chapter Eleven

NOVEMBER

28th 1520: Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean on this day after passing through the South American Straits that now bear his name. He was a member of the revived Templar Order in Portugal called Knights of Christ. Also members of this Order were Magellan's famous counterparts, Christopher Columbus, Vasco da Gama and Bartholomew Diaz.

30th 1667: Born on this day, the Irish born English satirist and author Jonathan Swift. He took church orders in 1694 and wrote satires on the important issues of the day, often writing under the pseudonym Isaac Blakestaff. He is most famous for his book "Gullivers Travels". He was a member of the Masonic lodge that met at the Goat at the foot of the Haymarket Lodge No. 16. His good friend & contemporary Alexander pope was also a member of this lodge.

20th 1694: Born on this day Bro. Jean Francoise Marie Voltaire in Paris. Famous French writer and philosopher.



Voltaire

10th 1697: Born William Hogarth, English painter and engraver a member of Lodge Bear & Harrow No. 729 in Butchers Road in 1730. and also a member at the lodge that met at the Hand and Appletree in Little Great queen Street. He was a very active Freemason and whilst serving as a Grand Steward in 1735 he designed the Grand Stewards' jewel which is still used today.

27th 1783: The Montgolfier brothers fly the first hot air balloon ever. It was manned by Pilatre de Rozier and Francois L Laurat (The Marquis d'Orlandes) and the flight lasted 25 minutes. It was the first ever manned free flight, It traveled 5.5 miles over the skies of Paris.

24th 1807: Mohawk Indian Chief Joseph Brant, credited with saving many lives of Freemasons who appealed to him Masonically, died on this day.



6th 1814. Born today, Bro. Adolphe Sax, inventor of the saxophone, in Dinant, Belgium, as Antoine Joseph Sax, 11th child of musical instrument builder. Member of Lodge Les Vrais Armste l'Union No. 1842.

30th 1835: Born this day, Samuel Clemens, more familiarly known as Mark Twain. Celebrated humourist and author. Apprenticed at age 12 to a printer he became a Mississippi River boat man. Member of Missouri Polar Lodge No. 79 in 1861. Creator of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

16th 1836: King David Kalakaue, King of Hawaii joined lodge Le Progree de L'Oceanie No. 124. Also members of this lodge were King Kamehameha the IV and V.

18th 1836: Born on this day, William Schwenk Gilbert more readily known as the "Gilbert" of Gilbert & Sullivan fame. Both were Freemasons and amongst their many successful operettas can be found HMS Pinafore, The Mikado and Pirates of Penzance. Bro. Gilbert was raised at St Machar Lodge No. 54 in Aberdeen in 1871. He died after saving a woman from drowning on 29 May 1891.

9th. 1841: Albert Edward, son of Queen Victoria and Albert, was granted the title of Prince of Wales. He was initiated into a Masonic Lodge in Sweden in 1868.

6th 1854: Born this day, John Philip Sousa the composer known as "The March King". The most famous of his marches are Semper Fidelis, Stars and Stripes Forever and Hands across the sea. A member of Hiram Lodge No. 10 in Washington.

6th 1861: Born this day,. The inventor of the game of baseball Bro. J Naismith.

4th 1869: Born the legendary Will Rogers—full name William Penn Adair Rogers. Famous film star of his times and well known for his rope tricks. Member of Clairmont Lodge No 53 in Oklahoma.

16th 1873: Born this day, William C Handy an American negro composer known as the Father of the Blues. His most well known composition is The St Louis Blues. A 330 member of the AASR Prince Hall.

22nd 1873: Born this day in India, Bro. Leopold S Amery an English publicist, statesman and mountaineer. He has 3 peaks named after him, in Drakensberg (South Africa) Canadian Rockies and Kerguelen Island on edge of Antarctica. A member of Canada Lodge No. 3527 in London.

9th 1875: Born today, Hiram Bingham, famous for his discovery of the hidden Inca city of Machu Pichu.

30th 1900: Died this day, poet and playwright Oscar Wilde.

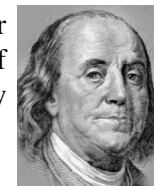
14th 1904: Born this day, actor Dick Powell, a member of Ascot Lodge No. 538 in Los Angeles.

- 20th 1910: Francisco Madeira sparks off the revolution in Mexico. He became President of Mexico in 1911 until 1913 when he was overthrown by Huerta. He was arrested and shot on 22nd February 1913 whilst allegedly attempting an escape. His Vice President Masonic Bro. Jose Ma Pino Suarez, was also murdered. Both were 33rd Degree members of Lealtad Lodge No. 15 in Mexico City of which Bro. Madeira was SW at the time of his death.
- 5th 1912: Born, famous actor and cowboy singer Roy Rogers. His first movie was "Under Western Stars" he went on to make 89 western movies. A member of Howard Lodge No. 35 along with other film stars such as Tyrone Power.
- 11th 1918: The official end of the First World War—the 11th Minute, of the 11th hour of the 11th month. Hundreds of thousands of Freemasons were involved in The Great war. Hundreds of thousands died in it. Many were the countries' leaders. This day was originally commemorated as Armistice Day and then, after the second great war, it became known as Remembrance Day throughout the world although in the USA it is called Veterans Day.
- 11th 1921: US President Harding dedicates the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.
- 9th 1951: Bro. Sigmund Romberg, composer of light operettas died on this day. Some of his outstanding hits of the 1900's include Maytime, Student Prince and Desert Song. A member of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 604.
- 22nd 1963: Assumed the office of President upon the assassination of J. F. Kennedy. Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the USA. He was initiated into Johnson City Lodge No. 561 on 30 October 1937. He never went higher than an EA.

Chapter Twelve

DECEMBER

- 21st 1694: Born, Jean Voltaire a French author and philosopher. Believed to be the author of the statement "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it". A brilliant satirist and defender of victims of religious intolerance. Masonic Bro. Benjamin Franklin escorted him on 7 April 1778 (just two months before Voltaire died) to Lodge Les Neuf Soeurs in Paris where he was initiated.
- 8th 1708: Born this day, Frances Stephen, the Duke of Lorraine. Second son of Leopold Joseph Charles under whose special dispensation in 1731 a lodge was convened at the Hague at which he was made a Mason and thus achieving the distinction of being the first Royal to become a Freemason.
- 20th 1732: Bro. Benjamin Franklin publishes "Poor Richard's Almanac" using the pen name of Richard Sanders. This later became the Saturday Evening Post.
- 16th 1770: Born this day, Ludwig von Beethoven in Bonn, Germany, one of the greatest orchestral composers of all time. No proof of his membership of the craft has been found but there is a lot of circumstantial evidence of his membership.
- 16th 1773: Date of the Boston Tea Party. Members of the St. Andrews Lodge in Boston, disguised as Mohawk Indians and led by Bro. Paul Revere, carried out the raid that became known in history as The Boston Tea Party.



5th 1791: Died this day, in Vienna, Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. A member of Lodge Zur Wohlstaltigkeit 1784.

20th 1803: Bro. James Monroe negotiated the transfer from France to the USA of the Louisiana Territory. This deal known as the Louisiana Purchase effectively doubled the size of the USA.

24th 1809: Born this day, Christopher “Kit” Carson, famous plainsman, Indian scout, guide, trapper and soldier. At the age of 15 he was apprenticed to a saddler, but ran away after two years (1826). His employer advertised, offering one cent reward for his return. He was a member of Montezuma Lodge No. 109. Carson City in Nevada is named after him.



27th 1813: The United Grand Lodge of England is formed.

1st 1822: Franz von Liszt made his piano debut on this day at the age of 11. He was a member of lodge Zur Einigkeit at Frankfurt on main—initiated on 18 September 1841. He was passed and raised in Lodge Zur Eintracht in Berlin in February 1842. (he was 19 years of age).

27th 1831: On this day Bro. Charles Darwin the world famous naturalist set out on a voyage to the Pacific Ocean on board HMS “Beagle” His discoveries on this voyage helped form the basis of his theory of evolution.

12th 1851: Dies on this day, Bro. Joel Roberts Poinsett, the Freemason who introduced the plant named after him, The Poinsettia (Source Chase’s Famous Freemasons).

17th 1853: Born this day, Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree a well-known English actor. Member of Drury Lane Lodge No. 2127.

2nd 1859: Bro. John Brown was executed on this day for treason.

27th 1860: On this day, in New York, the comedy play” Rip Van Winkle” opened to packed houses. The play was written by Masonic Bro. Joseph Jefferson, who was considered to be the greatest comedian of his time. He was a member of Concordia Lodge No. 13.

8th 1865: Born John Julius Christian Sibelius at Mameenlinne in Finland. He died nearly 92 years of age on the 20th September 1957. He became a Freemason at the age of 56 yrs. He was a member of Lodge Suomi No. I (Finland). He was a great composer of the early 20th century including some 12 special pieces for the craft. Including his famous Finlandia.

30th 1865: Born Joseph Rudyard Kipling in Bombay, India. He was initiated in Lodge Hope and Perseverance No. 782 Lahore, India on 6 December 1886. He was raised to the 3rd Degree before the age of 21 yrs. under dispensation. He has the distinction of being the Secretary of the lodge when he took his 3rd degree.



Bro. Rudyard Kipling

An ardent Freemason many of his books make special mention of the craft and his poem, The Mother Lodge (which appears in full overleaf) s probably the most well-known of his poetry and reflects the multi-cultural nature of the craft. His book “In the Interests of the Brethren” is about Masonic activity in England during the Great War and is definitely well worth reading. A full reproduction of “The Mother Lodge” can be found on pages 12 and 13.

- 25th 1875: Died this day, Bro. Louis Annance, Chief of a powerful tribe of Canadian Indians.
- 31st 1880: Born this day, Bro. George C Marshall creator of the Marshall Plan.
- 11th 1882: Born, Fiorello La Guardia a US Congressman but more famous as the Mayor of New York City and the airport named after him. He served three terms as New York's Mayor. He was a life member of Garribaldi Lodge No. 542.
- 1st 1887: On this day, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, introduced the reading public to Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson in his first novel "A Study in Scarlet". Bro. Conan Doyle was a member of Phoenix Lodge No. 57.
- 30th 1896: Masonic Bro. Jose Rizal, a national hero in the Philippines, was on this day publicly shot. This day is now a public holiday throughout the Philippines. He was a member of Acacia Lodge No. 9 (Spain) as well as the AASR.
- 30th 1900: Died, Irish poet and Masonic Bro. Oscar Wilde.
- 2nd 1901: On this day, Bro. King Camp Gillette, inventor and manufacturer, patented the first ever razor with disposable blades. Until this invention of the safety razor, men shaved with straight edge razors sharpened on a leather strap.
- 10th 1902: Bro. Rudyard Kipling awarded Nobel Prize for literature.
- 10th 1903: Bro. Theodore Roosevelt awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 14th 1911: Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen becomes the first man to reach the North Pole, beating an expedition led by

- Masonic Bro. Robert Scott who reached the North Pole five weeks after Amundsen. Roald Amundsen is known to have been a Freemason but his Lodge records have not been found.
- 9th 1913: Heavyweight boxing champion Bro. Jack Johnson , on this day, fought Jim Johnson in Paris for the world title. This was a "no decision" fight. He joined of Lodge Forfar and Kincadine No. 225 in Dundee on 13 October 1911.
- 27th 1927 On this day, Bro. Jerome Kern's musical "Showboat" opened on Broadway at the Ziegfeld Theatre. This hugely successful musical, loved by people all over the world, ran for 572 performances.
- 12th 1928: Bro. Charles Kingsford Smith and Bro. Charles Ullmann form the Australian National Airways in Sydney.
- 14th 1929: The world's first miniature golf course was opened in Chattanooga, Tennessee, named after its originator Bro. Tom Thumb, of circus fame. Despite being only 40" in height, Bro. Thumb was not in fact the smallest Freemason ever.
- 11th 1936: On this day, Masonic Bro. Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, King Edward VIII of England, abdicated the British throne " to marry the woman I love", twice-divorced American Wallis Warfield Simpson. He was initiated in the Household Brigade Lodge No. 2614 in 1919, the Duke of Connaught (Then Grand Master of the UGLE), performing the ceremony. He retained his membership of the craft until his death in 1972.
- 15th 1944: Died, Bandleader Glenn Miller. His flight went missing over the Atlantic Ocean on the way to Paris in WWII.



- 1st 1945: Bro. Burl Ives makes his concert singing debut at the New York Town Hall. He is well known amongst other musical achievements, as the voice of Frosty the Snowman in the animated version of Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer.
- 19th 1949: Prime Minister of Australia Bro. Sir Robert Gordon Menzies takes over as Prime Minister for the second time an office he held until 1966. Member of Australian Temple Lodge No. 110.
- 9th 1955: Bro. Sugar Ray Robinson regained his middleweight world boxing title on this day by knocking out Carl “Bobo” Olsen. Bro. Robinson, a member of Joppa Lodge No. 55 (Prince Hall Affiliation) held the light heavy weight title and was 5 times world middleweight champion.
- 26th 1972: Died, Bro. Harry S Truman. He is buried in the grounds of his library at the only Masonic funeral service ever to be televised.

Chapter Thirteen

CHRONOLOGY

This chronology is reasonably comprehensive but is by no means complete as there are many more events which could be included. For a more fuller Chronological list you are directed to A E Waite’s Encyclopedia of F.M.

AD

- 926 (Perhaps 936) Edwin, a mythical son of Atheistan, presided over a meeting of Masons at York where certain charges were agreed upon for control of the craft. (Traditional)
- 1077 A worker named Robert who was employed at St Albans is said to be the most skilful Mason of his time (Source: A New Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry by A E Waite).
- 1113 In the days of Odo, Prior of Croyland, a lay brother named Arnold is termed artificiosissimus magister of “the art of Masonry”. (Source: Waite’s Encyclopaedia).
- 1118 Knights Templar by Hugh de Payen with the support of Bernard of Clairvaux.
- 1119 First Masons marks found.
- 1147 The Ancient Stirling Lodge claimed to represent the body of Masons at work on the construction of Cambies Kenneth Abbey, founded by King David I of Scotland (Although this is inferred from a Burgh Record of Aberdeen dated 1483, this should be regarded as speculative).

- 1173 The term *magister* was conferred on William of Sens at a “consultation” of building artificers summoned to Canterbury (According to Gould this term meant either Master of the Work or Master Mason).
- 1187-99 The same title was applied to William the Englishman who designed the Cathedral at Coventry built between these dates.
- 1231 The Diet of Worms suppressed all Trade Guilds.
- 1244 The term Master Mason is said to occur in an unprinted French document of this date (No proof shown—speculative).
- 1257-60 John of Gloucester was the King’s Mason during this period.
- 1314 Battle of Bannockburn.
1334. Agreement made at Salisbury with Richard de Farleigh - *lathomus and cementarius* in terms of which he is entrusted with the custody of the fabric and to superintend, direct and appoint useful and faithful Masons and plasterers.
- 1349 The wages of all English artisans were subjected to regulation which regulations were enacted in stricter form by Statute in 1350 (tempus Ed.III)
- 1356 Regulations for the craft of Masons are said to have been ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs of London.



- 1375 The Masons’ Company of London was known to have been in existence by this date as it was represented on the Court of Common Council in this year. This means that the Masons’ Company of the city of London was in existence before this date. The company is thought to have been formed in 1356.
- 1376 The Masons comprising the Masons’ Company became known as Freemasons. Earliest known use of this word.
- 1377 A Free Master Mason, titled *Magister Operis* was employed at Merton College, Oxford.
- 1388-95 Henry de Yeveley was director of the King’s works and Master Mason of the Abbey of Westminster.
- 1390 The earliest date ascribed to the *Regius Manuscript* containing Masonic charges or regulations, It is regarded as a transcript of an earlier manuscript.
- 1410 Date of the Cooke Ms.
- 1425 Congregations and Chapters of Masons were yet again prohibited, and the organisers regarded as felons. (Statute Henry Vi)
- 1430 A tombstone at St Albans records the death of a *Latomus in ante* who died in this year.
- 1430 The speculative date ascribed to the Cooke Manuscript which contains basically the Constitutions of German Free-Masons.
- 1444-45 The wages of a “Frank Mason” are specified by Statute.
- 1446-1486 Construction of Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland.

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1459	Date of the Strasburg Constitutions of German Freemasons	1532	A Seat of Causes granted to Scottish masons, wrights and coopers.
1462	Date of Torgau Ordinances of German Freemasons.	1536	The Prior and Convent of Bath appointed John Multon to the “Office of Master of all their works commonly called Free-masonry”.
1472	Grant of a Coat of Arms to the London Masons’ Company under the denomination of the Whole Craft and Fellowship of Masons.	1537	The Masons’ Company of London is described as the Company of Ffree Masons.
1475	Incorporation of Masons and Wrights of Edinburgh by a Seal of Cause, assembled in St Mary’s Chapel.	1550	By the 1550’s it is known that secret methods of recognition (greeting and grips) existed in the German Steinmetzen.
1483	Mention made in Aberdeen of a “luge” (lodge).	1551	In Glasgow, masons, wrights and coopers incorporate.
1490	The Statutes of Wells Cathedral certify the appointment of W Atwoode , described as a Freemason— <i>pro suo bono et diigenti servicio in ante sua</i> de ffreemasonny.	1563	Date of the “Brother Book” of the German Steinmetzen.
1495	For the first time the word <i>Freemason</i> appears in the English statutes during the reign of Henry VII.	1578	The Building Accounts of Corpus Christi College distinguish between “rough” and “free” Masons.
1514	Papal confirmations granted to German Stonemasons (This should be regarded as speculative.)	1583	St Mary’s Lodge of Dundee is mentioned in an Indenture which bears this date.
1514	A Masonic Temple is said to have been founded at Aviva by a Mosen Rubi and it is about this time that, on Spanish authority, Admiral Coligny initiated several Masons in Catalina (traditional or mendacious).	1583	William Schaw is appointed by King James VI as Master of the Work and Warden general responsible for the reorganization of the Masonic craft.
1527	Incorporation in Aberdeen of masons, wrights and coopers.	1583	This is the date of the Grand Lodge MS, considered to be the earliest dated form of MS Constitutions.
1530	Earliest use of the word “Lodge” in a statute was Statute 25, Edward II.	1590	The Office of Warden and Justice presiding over the Art and Craft of Masonry within the Counties of Aberdeen, Banif and Kincadine was granted to Patrick Cuipland, Laird of Edaucht by James VI.

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1598	William Schaw issued the first of his Schaw Statutes setting out the duties of all members in Lodge and to the public.	1604	Incorporation of the Company of Freemasons, Carpenters, Joiners and Slaters of the city of Oxford.
1599	Date of the first recorded Minutes of a Lodge Meeting held by Aitchisons Haven Lodge. Actual Date of the Minutes is the 9th January 1599. These are definitely the oldest Masonic records in the world.	1605	Attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London, and known as “The Gunpowder Plot”. Was Guy Fawkes a Freemason?
1599	Another of the Schaw Statutes concerns the Lodge of Kilwinning.	1611	The King James version of the Bible published.
1599	The Minutes of Mary’s Chapel, otherwise known as the Lodge of Edinburgh go back to this date although they do not pre-date those of Lodge Aitchisons Haven. The Minutes of The Lodge of Edinburgh commence 31 July 1599.	1617	Birth of Elias Ashmole.
1600	John Boswell of Auchinleck is alleged to have been present at a meeting of Mary’s Chapel Lodge 8 June 1600 and is consequently quoted as the earliest authentic example of non-operative membership. (Waite’s Encyclopaedia) NB. the Minutes of Aitchisons Haven Lodge suggest that nonoperatives were members of that lodge.	1620	First date on the records of the Lodge at Glasgow.
1600	The word “Freemason” occurs in a York Roll ascribed to this year.	1634	Sir Alexander Strachan was admitted with other non-operatives into Mary’s Chapel Lodge, becoming “Fellows of Craft” on 3 July 1634 (N.B. Elias Ashmole initiated only in 1646).
1600	A Masonic Convention was held at St Andrews in January of this year by order of the Warden General.	1634	The Arms of the Masons’ Company appear in a visit to London by Henry St George Richmond.
1601	Charter granted to Sir William St Clair of Roslyn by the King authorizing the purchase of the jurisdiction over at least five lodges in Edinburgh.	1637	The Schaw Statutes were adopted in January of this year by the Lodge of Aitchisons Haven under the Presidency of Sir Anthony Alexander, who signed the Minutes.
		1640	This is the year ascribed to the Sloane MS 3329 British Museum.
		1641	Date ascribed to Sir Robert Moray’s reception into Freemasonry at Newcastle, on behalf of St Mary’s Chapel. (NB. This precedes the date of Ashmole—1646).
		1642	The records of Mother Kilwinning Lodge begin in this year.

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1646	Elias Ashmole made a Mason at Warrington in Lancashire, together with other candidates on 16 October.		that there are Masonic words and signs to be kept secret from all but Masters and Fellows of the Society.
1646	The Sloane MS 3848, being Constitutions, was transcribed by Edward Sankey on October 16.	1665	An inventory taken of the effects belonging to the Masons' Company of London. It includes a copy of the Constitutions in manuscript form and a list of members described as Accepted Masons.
1652	According to a solemn declaration of a Presbyterian Synod at Kelso on 24 February 1652, it is said that some of the ministers had been Freemasons.		
1655	The Company of Freemasons becomes the Worshipful Company of Masons of London.	1668	Birth of Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay on 6 June. His now famous "Ramsay's Oration" gave birth to most of Freemasonry's esoteric Orders.
1658	The Lodge of Scoon and Perth has a parchment dated this year which affirms that James VI, by his own desire, had been entered as Freeman, Mason and Fellow-craft.	1670	It was ordained by Laws and Statutes in Aberdeen that certain privileged persons were to receive the benefit of the Mason's Word, free of all dues., "save for the box, mark, banquet and pint of wine".
1662	Birth of James Anderson.		
1663	Seven new rules or "additional orders" which are preserved in "The Roberts Family of MS. Constitutions" are said to have been made on 8 December in this year. No. 5 provides that "The Company of Freemasons shall henceforward be regulated and governed by one Master and Assembly, and as many wardens as the said Company shall think fit to choose at every Yearly General Assembly."	1670	The Minutes of the Ancient Stirling Lodge go back to this year although the lodge is mentioned in 'Burgh Records of Aberdeen going back to 1483.
1663	The Earl of St Albans, acting as Grand Master of Masons, is said to have held the Annual Assembly of the craft on St. John's Day (27 December) (Traditional sources)	1671	Date of a Charter granted by the Bishop of Durham which constitutes into a Community, Fellowship and Company, various crafts with Freemasons heading the list. The body so incorporated was to assemble annually on the Feast of St. John the Baptist to elect four Wardens, one of whom must always be a Freemason.
1665	The approximate date of the Kilwinning MS.	1674	Earliest date of the records of Melrose Lodge.
1665	Approximate date ascribed to the Hail. 2054 MS Constitutions transcribed by Randle Holme and to his memorandum which contains a Masonic Pledge stating	1675	Date of the earliest records of Dunblane Lodge.
		1678	The Rev. George Hickes terms the Mason-Word a "secret signal" as old as Babel.

- 1680 Rabbi Leone Yehudah of Modena was lecturing around this time in London on the subject of King Solomon's Temple & it is said that Laurence Dermott admitted that the Arms of the Royal Arch Masons were derived from this Rabbi's papers.
- 1682 Elias Ashmole attended a meeting at Masons' Hall on March 11th (he was however not a member of the Masons' Company).
- 1686 The Natural History of Staffordshire was published by Dr. Robert Plot in which he refers to the Society of Freemasons in Staffordshire and states that persons of the "most eminent quality did not disdain to be of this Fellowship."
- 1687 Records of the Durnfries Lodge go back to this year.
- 1690 It was reported in Irish academic circles that Freemasonry was well-known prior to this date, being that of the landing of William of Orange.
- 1691 The Goose and Gridiron Lodge at St Paul's Churchyard is believed to have been constituted in this year. It occupies the place of seniority in the Engraved List of 1729.
- 1691 Plot's Natural History of Wiltshire states that on 18 May a "Great Convention of the Fraternity of Adopted Masons" was held at St. Paul's Church when Christopher Wren was adopted a brother."
- 1691 Robert Kirk published his Secret Commonwealth of Elves and Fairies in which it compares the Mason-Word to a Rabbinical tradition" by way of comment on Jachin and Boaz" adding that there was a secret sign "delivered from hand to hand."

- 1692 Elias Ashmole dies on 18 may.
- 1693 It is said that Sir Robert Clayton held "occasional" lodges at St Thomas' Hospital to advise progress on its rebuilding.
- 1693 The Ordinances of the Masons of Halberstadt were "laid before their reigning Prince" and allude to the communication of words among the German Stein metzen.
- 1696 The Minutes of Dunblane Lodge which date back to this year indicate that operative masons were a minority in the lodge.
- 1700 The Masons' Company of London and the Lodge or Society of Freemasons (mainly speculative) are said to have separated about this date.
- 1701 An apprentice at Aberdeen was" sworn by the points".
- 1701 The Orders to be observed by the Company and Fellowship of Freemasons at a lodge held in Alnwick on 29 September are purely operative in character.
- 1705 This is presumed to be the date of the earliest preserved Roll of Masons belonging to the Ancient York Lodge which is said to be the home of speculative Freemasonry with no operative character whatsoever.
- 1706 The alleged initiation of Emmanuel Swedenborg from whom came the Swedenborg Rite.
- 1707 The Imperial Diet abolishes the supremacy of the Strasbourg "head lodge" over the German Steinmetzen.

- 1710 The Comte de Saint-Germaine believed to have been born in this year.
- 1717 Revival of Quarterly Communications by a meeting of certain lodges at the Apple Tree tavern when they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge *pro tempore* in due form resolving “to hold the annual assembly and feast and then to choose a Grand Master from among themselves, till they should have the honor of a noble brother at their head.” The first record of this meeting is that of Anderson, twenty-one years after the event and no date is mentioned. A further meeting was held at the Goose and Gridiron when Anthony Sayer, gentleman, was elected Grand Master.
- 1718 George Payne succeeds Anthony Sayer as Grand Master and several ancient Constitutions in manuscript are collected and collated.
- 1718 It is believed that Freemasonry was taken to France in this year although various other dates have been assigned to this action. The real period is not known.
- 1719 The Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers LL.D, FRS is elected as Grand Master.
- 1720 The General regulations are compiled by George Payne who was elected Grand Master for the second time.
- 1720 The Minutes of the Lodge of Dunblane record that a candidate was “entered” on 24 December and “passed” on 27 December “from the square to the compass and from an Entered Apprentice to a Fellow of Craft.”

- 1721 Dr Stukeley records in his diary and Commonplace Book, under the date of 6 January (1) That he was made a Freemason at the Salutation Tavern, Tavistock Street, (2) That he was the first person for many years who had been so made in London, (3) that there was great difficulty in finding enough members to perform the ceremony but (4) that immediately after “Freemasonry took a run and ran itself out of breath through the folly of its members.”
- 1721 On June 12th, John the Duke of Montague was elected Grand Master. 12 lodges were present at the meeting.
- 1721 Dr John Theophilus Desaguliers having proved himself “duly qualified in all points of Masonry” was received into Mary’s Chapel, Edinburgh.
- 1721 The Grand Lodge of England orders James Anderson to digest and produce a new and better Book of Constitutions.
- 1721 On 27 December the Duke of Montague appoints a committee of 14 brethren to report on Anderson’s progress.
- 1722 On 25 march the committee reports favorably and after certain amendments the Constitutions are ordered to be printed.
- 1722 Philip, Duke of Wharton, convenes an irregular meeting at Stationers’ Hall on 24 June at which he is proclaimed Grand Master.
- 1722 Birth of Baron von Hund on 11 September.

- 1723 The Duke of Wharton summons a meeting of Grand Lodge on 17 January at the Kings Arms at which he is proclaimed Grand Master. At this meeting Anderson presents his Book of Constitutions in printed form which is approved by the lodges that are present.
- 1723 The Duke of Dalkeith elected Grand Master on 24 June. It is on this date that Minute Books of Grand Lodge begin.
- 1723 According to Gould in this year the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft are the only two speculative degrees that are recognized by Grand Lodge
- 1724 The Earl of Dalkeith proposes a scheme on 21 November for raising a fund for distressed Masons which is accepted.
- 1724 A work entitled "The Grand Mystery of Freemasons Discovered" was published in this year which is followed by "The Secret History of the Freemasons" that includes the Lansdowne Constitutions.
- 1724 The Society of Gormogons is first heard of this year.
- 1725 The Engraved List of this year shows 64 lodges.
- 1725 A Grand Lodge of Ireland was at work in Dublin.
- 1725 The formation of the so-called Grand Lodge of all England is formed at York.
- 1725 It is said that the first lodge in France is founded at Paris by James Ratcliffe and other British Jacobites and that Charles Ratcliffe or Radcliffe, the Earl of Derwentwater was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France.

- 1726 The records of the Grand Lodge of Munster begin on 27 December of this year.
- 1728 Lord Kingston made Grand Master.
- 1728 Presumed date of the introduction of Freemasonry into Bengal.
- 1728 The Grand Lodge of Munster resolves that every lodge should provide itself with a copy of Anderson's Constitutions.
- 1728 The first lodge in Spain appears to have been founded by the Duke of Wharton at Madrid.
- 1729 An Engraved List shows 54 lodges of which 42 were in London, 11 in the provinces and 1 at Madrid.
- 1729 It is said that in this year the Lodge of the Three Stars is established at Prague.
- 1729 The first purely speculative Scottish Lodge is said to have been founded under the title of Edinburgh Kilwinning. It is said that the Third Degree was first practiced North of the Tweed in this Lodge.
- 1729 The Grand Lodge enacted that every new lodge should contribute the sum of two guineas to the General Charity.
- 1730 The Duke of Norfolk is proclaimed Grand Master.
- 1730 Samuel Pritchard's "Masonry Dissected" published in October.

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1730	In answer to Pritchard's "Masonry Dissected" appears in the same year "A Defense of Masonry". It appears anonymously but is now attributed to Martin Clare FRS
1730	Foundation of a lodge at Calcutta, India.
1731	The Duke of Lorraine is made a Mason at The Hague, being the first royal prince admitted into the craft.
1731	James 4th Lord Kingston, elected as Grand Master of Ireland.
1731	The London Lodge No. 83 worked three degrees in this year.
1731	The written records of a lodge at Philadelphia USA date from this year.
1732	General James Keith is said to have been Master of a lodge located at Moscow or Petrograd.
1733	A Lodge of St John was founded in Boston, Mass. USA.
1733	The foundation of a lodge in Hamburg by eleven German gentlemen is said to have been authorized by the Earl of Strathmore, acting as Grand Master.
1733	The first American lodge held under written authority was founded by Henry price, described as Provincial Grand Master of New England. The ceremony took place at the Bunch of Grapes tavern, Boston, USA on 31 August.
1734	Benjamin Franklin publishes in the USA an edition of Anderson's Constitutions.
1735	Viscount Weymouth proclaimed Grand Master.

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1735	Freemasonry prohibited in Holland.
1735	The Minutes of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge contain, under the date of 31 march, the "admission of a Master Mason under the modern Masonic Constitution".
1735	Foundation of a lodge at Stockholm.
1735	An English lodge founded in Lisbon.
1735	Admission of the Hon. Mrs Aldworth under exceptional circumstances, into the first two craft degrees. The truth of this story is challenged.
1735	A lodge is formed at The Hague under an English warrant and is named Le Veritable Zele.
1736	A lodge is established at Geneva.
1736	On November 30, the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at which 33 lodges were present. William St Clair having renounced his hereditary claim as Patron of Masons in Scotland, was elected as Grand Master.
1737	The Chevalier Ramsay delivers his famous Oration.
1737	Frederick, Prince of Wales, is made a Mason on November 5th.
1737	The first German Lodge is founded at Hamburg.
1738	Earliest reference to Master Grade in the records of the Lodge of Edinburgh.

- 1738 The Lodge of Secrecy and Harmony was founded in Malta as well as lodges in Smyrna and Aleppo and The Three Eagles Lodge in Dresden.
- 1738 A new edition of Pritchard's *Masonry Dissected* is issued. It sold for six pence and went to at least twenty-one editions up to 1750.
- 1738 Anderson's new Book of Constitutions gets approval of the Grand Lodge and is published this year.
- 1738 Freemasonry suppressed in Sweden.
- 1728 On April 27 pope Clement XII issues his famous Bull "*In Eminenti Apostolate Specula*" in which he condemns Freemasons and orders their excommunication.
- 1738 The Crown Prince of Prussia, afterwards Frederick the Great is initiated at Brunswick on 14 August in the Mother German Lodge.
- 1739 James Anderson dies on 28 may
- 1739 Freemasonry introduced to Sardinia.
- 1740 The Grand Lodge of all England at York goes dormant.
- 1740 The so-called Scottish degrees/ Rites start to spring up in France.
- 1740 Founding of the Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin on September 13.
- 1740 General Keith receives English patent as Provincial Grand Master of Russia.

- 1740 Philip V of Spain issues edict against Freemasonry.
- 1741 Baron von Hund initiated 20 March.
- 1742 Death of Anthony Sayer.
- 1743 In his letter to Sir Horace Mann on 4 May, Horace Walpole mentions the low repute into which Freemasons had fallen in England.
- 1743 The Stirling Rock Royal Arch Chapter, considered to be the oldest in Scotland, has Minutes dating from this year.
- 1743 Death of Desaguliers on 29 November.
- 1743 The earliest decisive reference to the Royal Arch in Ireland occurs in a report of the proceedings of Lodge Youghal.
- 1743 The first military lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland was warranted.
- 1743 A royal edict suppresses Freemasonry in Portugal. The Inquisition is said to have tortured and burned Freemasons.
- 1743 First appearance of Freemasonry in Bohemia.
- 1743 Baron von Hund introduces his Rite of the Strict Observance.
- 1743 The first Danish lodge founded, Lodge of St Martin at Copenhagen.

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1744	Three works are published in France namely (1) L'Ordre Des Francsmacons Trahi, (2) Le Parfait Macon and (3) Le Sceau Rompu.	1756	Laurence Dermott published his Ahiman Rezon.
1744	At about this time the name Adonhiram found its way into French Masonic works.	1756	A national Grand Lodge of the Netherlands is inaugurated on 27 December by 14 lodges.
1745	The Council of Berne prohibits Freemasonry and members are persecuted in Germany.	1757	on the resignation of the Marquis of Carnarvon, the previous Grand Master of Scotland, Lord Aberdour, becomes Grand Master of England.
1746	The First Grand Master in France, the Earl of Derwentwater dies on the scaffold.	1757	The Minutes of the Lodge at Alnwick end in this year and show the lodge to have been purely operative.
1747	Lord Byron elected Grand Master.	1758	Foundation of a lodge in Bombay.
1748	The Ottoman Porte opposes the introduction of Freemasonry into Turkey.	1759	Lodges begin to be founded in Quebec, Canada.
1751	Ferdinand VII of Spain, condemns Freemasons to death without trial by means of Royal edict.	1761	The Grand Lodge of All England at York is revived.
1752	Lord Carisfort becomes Grand Master.	1764	Lord Blaney becomes Grand Master of England.
1753	The King of Sweden becomes the first Protector of the Swedish craft.	1764	The sons of Frederick, the Prince of Wales, the Dukes of York, Cumberland and Gloucester become Freemasons.
1753	Under the date of 22 December, the Minutes of Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia are said to contain the earliest known record of the Royal arch degree in actual working.	1765	Edward, Duke of York and brother of George III was initiated in the Berlin Lodge of the Three Doves on 27 July whereupon the lodge assumed the name of Royal York of Friendship.
1756	The Marquis of Carnarvon becomes English Grand Master.	1765	The Rite of the Strict Observance began gaining significant ground in this year and continued to do so in 1766.
1756	Lord Aberdour elected Scottish Grand Master.	1769	The earliest known reference to the Mark Degree occurs in the Minute book of a Royal Arch Chapter at Portsmouth under the date of 1 September.

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1771	Death of Prince Louis de Bourbon, French Grand Master.	1782	George Oliver born on 5 November.
1772	Preston's "Illustrations of Freemasonry" published.	1784	Grand Lodge of Austria founded.
1772	Most of the Polish lodges are closed due to partition.	1786	The Emperor Joseph II closed all lodges, except for three, in Belgium.
1772	Lodge de Goede Hoop is established in Cape Town, as the first of a long line of Netherlandic lodges in South Africa.	1788	The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls founded by the Moderns
1773	The Grand Orient of France founded on 27 September.	1790	The Earl of Moira appointed as Acting Grand Master of English Freemasons.
1773	The Prince of Hesse-Darmstadt becomes Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Germany.	1790	The Grand Lodge of all England at York becomes extinct.
1773	the Polish lodges resume working.	1792	The Austrian Lodges close as a result of the French Revolution.
1774	The Royal Duke Charles elected as Grand Master in Sweden.	1793	The Lodges of Bohemia close apparently of their own accord.
1775	Death of Baron von Hund on 8 November.	1794	The Russian lodges close their doors by desire of the Empress Catherine.
1776	Adam Weishaupt founds the Illuminati of Bavaria on May 1st.	1798	The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys founded by the Ancients.
1777	The Strict Observance sweeps over Italy.	1798	The Lodge of the Three Doves divides into four lodges which form themselves into the Grand Lodge of Prussia.
1777	Adam Weishaupt initiated at Munich.	1799	The English Parliament enacts a statute that all Societies that require their members to swear an oath, shall be deemed unlawful, Lodges of Freemasons being excepted, insofar as they complied with the provisions of the Bill.
1777	Reformation of the Rosicrucian Society		
1777	A Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch established in London.		
1778	The Order of the Eastern Star is founded in USA		
1780	Initiation of the poet Goethe.		

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1800	In this year the USA had 11 Grand Lodges ruling 347 lodges with a membership of 16 000.
1802	It is about this time that it is alleged that the Scottish Rite of 33 degrees was established in Paris.
1803	The Emperor Alexander I of Russia is said to have been initiated, as a result of representations as to the real objects of Freemasonry by the Chancellor of State, Johann Boeber.
1803	Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Italy
1805	The Prince of Wales elected Grand Master and Patron of FreeMasonry in Scotland.
1805	Schism in the Grand Lodge of Ireland brought about by Alexander Seton, many lodges in Northern Ireland following his lead.
1805	The Rite of Mizraim is heard of in this year.
1807	The Irish regulations gave place to a Constitution of Freemasonry based on the Ahiman Rezon.
1808	Initiation in Paris of Askeri Khan, a Persian Prince and the ambassador of the Shah.
1808	Lodge Mother Kilwinning given precedence over Mary's Chapel by decree.
1810	The degree of Installed Master was sanctioned, the ceremony being ranked as a landmark.

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1813	The breach between the Lodge of Mother Kilwinning and Mary's Chapel, caused by the decree of precedence, is healed in this year.	
1813	Under the Earl of Moira, acting Grand Master of India, Freemasonry took firm root in Bengal.	
1813	Initiation at Berne of Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, afterwards Leopold I, King of the Belgians.	
1813	The Duke of Atholl resigns as Grand Master in favour of the Duke of Kent.	
1813	On St John's Day in December, English Freemasons gain unity in a single body constituting one single Grand Lodge and on a motion of the Duke of Kent, the Duke of Sussex was elected Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.	
1813	The UGLE decreed that Pure and Ancient Freemasonry consists of three degrees including the Holy Order of the Royal Arch.	
1813	A Lodge of Reconciliation was founded to insure uniformity of working. (This Lodge ultimately became the Lodge of Antiquity No. 1).	
1814	Pope Pius VII renews the Bull of Pope Clement XII against freemasonry on 14 September.	
1814	Alexander Seton's Movement finally extinguished by the joint action of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland.	
1815	A new edition of the Book of Constitutions is published with a special wording of the charge concerning God and Religion.	

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1815	Czar Alexander 1 founds the Grand Lodge of Astrea.	1845	Foundation of the Supreme Council of England and Wales on 26 October.
1816	The Scottish lodges are renumbered after the settlement of the Kilwinning/Mary's Chapel troubles.	1852	The Grand Orient of France elects Prince Lucien as Grand Master on 9 January.
1816	Prince Frederick William, second son of William I, is elected Grand Master of Holland.	1853	Initiation of Prince Frederick of Prussia, later Emperor Frederick III of Germany.
1817	The Grand Lodge of Scotland re-affirms its restriction of Freemasonry to the three Craft degrees.	1856	Formed in London a Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.
1820	The Grand Lodge of Ireland warrants the Australian Social Lodge at Sydney, being the first Masonic foundation in this area, other than military lodges.	1857	Grand Lodge of Romania formed.
1822	Suppression of Freemasonry in Russia by a decree of the Czar.	1866	Foundation of Grand Orient in San Domingo.
1823	Freemasonry abolished in Portugal by Royal Decree.	1867	Grand Lodge founded in Nigeria.
1832	Pope Gregory XVI issues edict against Freemasonry.	1869	Initiation of Edward, Prince of Wales, by the King of Sweden.
1840	Initiation of Prince William of Prussia, afterwards Emperor Wilhelm I.	1869	Foundation of the Grand Orient of Greece.
1841	Frederic VII of Denmark initiated in Lodge Maria.	1869	Masonry begins to revive in Spain.
1843	The first earl of Zetland becomes Grand Master in succession to the Duke of Sussex.	1875	Installation as Grand Master of UGLE, Prince of Wales later Edward VII.
1843	A new Temple of the Grand Orient of France opens in Paris.	1876	Foundation of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt on May 8.
1844	Expulsion of Brigham Young and 1500 Mormons by the Grand Lodge of Illinois.	1877	Foundation of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico on 6 April.
		1885	Prince Albert Victor made a Mason by the Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Grand Master.

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1888	Foundation, on 1 September, of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Australia.	1927	General Erich von Ludendorff, as Chief of Staff to Field Marshall Paul von Hindenburg, was responsible for the German victory over Russia in East Prussia in 1914, published in 1927 a book "The Destruction of Freemasonry through the disclosure of its secrets" which theme was developed through the early 1930's and which influenced many of Adolph Hitler's advisers.
1889	Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, 21st March, in Melbourne.		
1889	Initiation of Prince Frederick Leopold of Russia.		
1890	Foundation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand on 29 April.	1936	General Francisco Franco begins his attempted coup in Spain, passed a decree banning Freemasonry and again in 1940 making membership of the Order a criminal offence.
1890	Foundation of Grand Lodge of Tasmania at Hobart 26 June.	1940	The German defeat of the French brought to power in France Marshal Philippe Petain who hated Freemasons. On 13th August 1940 he issued a decree suppressing all secret societies, but it was mainly directed at Freemasonry.
1891	Grand Lodge of Norway formed on May 10.		
1897	Leo Taxil confesses to his fraudulent inventions against Freemasonry.	1943	Freemason Jean Moulin, a hero of the French resistance, dies under torture by the Gestapo.
1903	The Duke of Connaught becomes the Grand Master of UGLE.	1945	The defeat of Japan allowed Freemasonry to begin again in that country. The American Commander in Chief and the Governor of Japan, General Douglas MacArthur, also a Freemason, have the Japanese brethren significant help.
1922	The Communist International (formed after the Bolshevik Revolution in 1907) stated that Freemasonry was opposed the revolutionary action of the proletariat and was repudiated by the communists.	1946	Lucio Gelli forms the Italian Lodge which became infamous as Lodge P2. Its members included 43 members of Parliament, 3 Cabinet Ministers, 43 Generals, 8 Admirals, 24 journalists, many Heads of Government and the civil service, important television people. When the financial frauds in which Gelli was involved became public knowledge very significant damage was done to Freemasonry.
1922	Matthew McBlain Thomson was convicted of using the mails to defraud. He was selling Masonic degrees through the post, He was a member of the OTO.		
1922	Mussolini comes to power in Italy and condemns the Freemasons.		

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1956	Following on the Suez Crisis, President Nasser made Freemasonry illegal in Egypt. All lodges in the country closed down. Only Lodge Bulwer of Cairo and The Grecian Lodge were successful in staying open by re-organizing in London.	1984	Publication of 'The Brotherhood' - a major Masonic expose by Stephen Knight. It was largely based on inaccuracies and false assumptions, but nevertheless created huge public interest and caused considerable damage to the craft.
1961	CLIPSAS formed in Strasbourg on 22 January 1961. It was formed by 11 Sovereign Masonic powers.	1990	Freemasonry returns to Yugoslavia, although since 1991 the country has been defined as Serbia and Montenegro. In 1990 the Grand Lodge of the Czechs and Slovaks (Velika Loze Ceskoslovenska) was formed.
1962	On 11th October, Pope John XXIII rescinds the Roman Catholic anathema against the craft.	1992	On the 10 June, 12500 Brethren attended the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) on the occasion of UGLE's 275th Anniversary.
1962	Formed, the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa, in Cape Town.	2002	On 30 July, The Grand Lodge of Armenia was consecrated.
1964	In South Africa the government appoints Justice D H Botha as a one-man Commission of Enquiry into secret societies in which category Freemasonry was specifically named. His findings not only cleared the craft of any wrong-doing or wrongful intent, but his report was a landmark ruling which at the time has significant international impact.		
1967	At the 250th Anniversary of the formation of UGLE held on 24 June 1967, 7000 brethren who were present at the Royal Albert Hall in London also witnessed the installation of HRH The Duke of Kent KG as Grand Master of UGLE.		
1975	Franco dies and King Juan Carlos assumes the throne of Spain and the King lifts the ban on Freemasonry.		

Chapter Fourteen

MASONIC TRIVIA

William R Davie, an honours graduate of Princeton College and Governor of North Carolina 1798-1799, was nominated as Grand Master on 11 December 1792 having become a Master Mason only the day before. He was not present for his installation on 30th December, yet he held the position for seven years and was known as one of the most active Grand Masters in the history of Carolina.

The mallet presented by Sir Christopher Wren to King Charles II when the King laid the foundation stone of St Paul's Cathedral in London in 1673, is carefully preserved in the Old Lodge of antiquity No. 1.

The Rev. William Dodd, first Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, was hanged for forgery on 2 June 1777.

Dr Edward Jenner discovered the vaccination process against smallpox in 1789. At that time he was Wor. Master of Faith and Friendship Lodge No. 270 in Berkeley, England.

In 1920, the Gate City Lodge No. 522 in Kansas City, Missouri, met every day of the week except Sunday, to confer a record of 1107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees per week.

In 1860, in Limerick, Ireland, there was found a brass square dating to 1517, at the rebuilding of Baal's Bridge over the river Shannon, on which was found the inscription:

*"I will serve to live with love and care
Upon the level, by the square"*

The first five Presidents of the Mormon Church were all Freemasons.

Bro. Joshua Abraham Norton, who died on 8 January 1880, was the self-proclaimed Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico. He was a member of Occidental Lodge of San Francisco.

On 17 January 1936, U.S. army General Douglas MacArthur was made a Mason “at sight” by Bro. Samuel Hawthorne, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines. He affiliated with Manilla Lodge No. 1 and in the same year received the 32nd degree Scottish Rite.

Voted “the world’s best actor” in 1934, Bro. Wallace Beery ran away from home as a child to become an elephant trainer in a circus. He was a member of Blaney Lodge No. 271 Chicago.

The statue of Nelson in Trafalgar Square, London was designed and created by Bro. Edward Hodges a member of Jerusalem Lodge No. 233 (EC).

Benjamin Franklin was the world’s first franchiser expanding his printing business using franchise methods. Despite his huge accomplishments his epitaph (which he wrote himself) reads simply “ Here lies the body of Ben Franklin, printer”.

At one time, Golden Lodge No. 5 of Stanstead, Canada, occupied a lodge room which straddled the boundary between Canada and the USA. There was an entrance on both sides of the border.

The Republic of Texas had four Presidents: David G Burnett (1836), Sam Houston (1836-1838 and 1841-1844), B Lamar (1838-1841) and Anson Jones (1844-1846). All four were Freemasons.

Originally Ghiblim was a name for stonecutters. Over many centuries it changed to Giblim, Gibalim, Chibbelum, Jublime, Jibelum, Jabaualem and Jubelum.

Bernard Pierre Mangam, Marshall of France, was appointed Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France and served from 1862 to 1865. this was unusual as he was not a Freemason. He was actually appointed to the post of Grand Master by Emperor Napoleon III.

Operative Lodge No. 150 in Aberdeen, Scotland is open only to operative Masons.

Legend has it that in the Spring of 1657, Mordecai Campanall, Moses Packeckoe, Levi and others, in all 15 families, arrived at Newport from Holland. They brought with them the three first degrees of Masonry and worked them in the house of Campanall and continued to do so, and their successors, to the year 1742.

In 1842 Bro. Crawford W Long, a medical doctor, removed a tumour from the neck of a man who was under the influence of ether. He was the first doctor to use ether in surgery.

Elmo Lincoln (full name Otto Elmo Lincoln Heller) was the first actor to play the role of “Tarzan of the Apes” in 1918. He was a member of Elysian Lodge No. 418 in Los Angeles.

Joseph Jerome Lalande, a French astronomer, published in 1801 the first significant catalogue of the stars, listing nearly 50 000 stars. He was a founder of the famous French Lodge “ Les Neuf Soeurs”.

The creator of the famous “Horlicks” drink, Alexander J Horlick, was a member of Belle City Lodge No. 92.

On 11 February 1988 it was revealed that USA President Ronald Reagan had been made an honorary Freemason by Scottish Rite Bro. Kleinknecht. Upon learning of this, the Grand Master of Maryland D.C. suspended Bro Kleinknecht and asked for a meeting with the SGIG of the Scottish Rite. Bro. Kleinknecht acceded to the Grand Master's authority and the Honorary Membership of President Reagan was withdrawn.

The founder of Lions International in 1917, Melvin Jones, was a member of Golden City Lodge No. 141 in Chicago.

"Bringing Up Father" – the world famous cartoon strip for over 41 years was created by Freemason George McManus.

Tom Mix, star of over 400 old-time western movies, and a member of Utopia Lodge No. 537 in Los Angeles, was a real life sheriff.

Rouget de Lisle (Claude Joseph) who wrote the French National Anthem "La Marselleise" in 1792 was a member of Loge Les Freres Discrets".

The creator of "Bambi", childrens' story writer Felix Salten, was a member of Lodge Zur Wahreit in Vienna.

Freemason Sir Robert Smirke, an English architect, designed London's Covent Garden Theatre, The Royal Mint and the British Museum.

The first lodge in Japan was Sphinx Lodge No. 263 (IC) and was established by Masons who came with the British military in 1864. When the military left in 1866, Yokohama brethren petitioned the UGLE and thus was born Yokohama Lodge No. 1092.

The first ice-making machine was invented by Bro. John Gorrie in 1851. He is considered the father of refrigeration and air conditioning. He was a member of Franklin Lodge No. 6, Appalachia, Florida.

The tallest human being on record, Robert Pershing Wadlow, who was nearly 9' tall, was a member of Lodge No. 25 in Alton in 1939.

Freemason Charles F Pabst, a dermatologist, first coined the term "athlete's foot".

On the 13th May 1868, the first lodge established in what is now Israel, was consecrated to candlelight in Zedekiah's cave. The lodge is known as Reclamation Lodge

By ancient custom the King was always covered while his subjects were never covered in his presence. The American custom of the Wor. Master of the Lodge wearing a hat as a symbol of his authority is probably a result of this ancient custom.

Lodges in Massachusetts do not have numbers.

Pennsylvania has eleven lodges with numbers but no names.

Georgia has two lodges with the No. 1 – Social Lodge and Solomon's Lodge.

Pennsylvania, Maryland and Tennessee have no lodges with the No. 1.

The largest Masonic Temple in the world is situated on Temple Road, Detroit, Michigan having 12 million cubic feet of space. The main auditorium seats 5000 while the Scottish Rite cathedral seats 1600 people.

“SEA LODGES” – Only three Warrants are known to have been granted. Two by the “Moderns’ Grand Lodge of London. One on board the Vanguard No. 254 R.E. warranted 16 January 1760, the second on board the Prince No. 279 R.E. warranted 22 May 1762 and the third on board the Canceaux, at Quebec on 27 December 1768.

The lodge room on board the USS Missouri was used for meetings by brethren whilst at sea and when at home port they used the local base Masonic lodge room so in a way one might consider this to be the fourth sea lodge.

Dr Anderson’s Funeral

Bro. Anderson died on May 28, 1739 and he was buried at Bunhill Fields with a Masonic funeral. The Daily Post of June 2nd reports as follows:

“Last Night was interr’d the corpse of Dr Anderson, a Dissenting Teacher, in a very remarkable deep grave. His pall was supported by Five Dissenting Teachers and the rev. Dr. Desaguliers.

It was followed by about a Dozen Free-masons, who encircled the grave; and after Dr Earl had harangued on the Uncertainty of life, etc. without one word of the deceased, the Brethren, in a most solemn dismal Posture, lifted up their Hands, sigh’d, and struck their aprons three times in Honour of the Deceased.”

N.B. Dissenting persons were those who disagreed with belief in the teachings of the Church of England; they were quite often members of the English Protestant Church.

When John Aasen was raised on 14 July 1924 at Highland Park Lodge No. 382 Los Angeles he was at that time the tallest man in the world, standing 8’6” tall.

On the 5 August 1885 the cornerstone of the Statue of Liberty was laid with Masonic ceremony.

Mustapha Kemal Attaturk – the President of Turkey from 1923 to when he died, was a member of the Italian lodge Macedonia Resorta e Veritas.

Former USA President, Masonic Bro. Andrew Jackson, was a tailor and used to make his own clothes.

Freemasonry in Costa Rica was started by a Catholic priest, father Francisco Calvo.

The famous Freemason John Theophilus Desaguliers invented the planetarium.

A founder of the International Red Cross, Bro. Jean Henri Dunant was also responsible for the creation of the Geneva Convention.

The “Gatling” gun was named after its inventor Bro. Richard J Gatling.

The safety razor we are all familiar with was invented by Masonic Bro. King C Gillette

Bro. James W Marshall was the first man to discover gold in California at Sutter’s Mill (John Sutter was also a Freemason) Both men died paupers.

World famous fictitious characters Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson were introduced to the world on 1 December 1897 in a ‘Study in Scarlet’ written by Bro. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

The first person to measure the speed of light was Bro. Albert Abraham Michelson.

ENTRY FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

Category: Society and Global.
 Events: Oldest Masonic Lodges.
 Who: Aitchison's Haven
 When: N/A
 Where: United Kingdom
 What: January 9, 1599

The Lodge of Aitchison's Haven is unique; its Minutes commence 9 January 1599, making them the oldest known records of a Masonic Lodge. The lodge was situated just outside the small coastal town of Musselburgh, East of Edinburgh in Scotland. It ceased to exist in 1856.

Bro. John Glenn, the first American astronaut to orbit the earth in 1962, returned to space in November 1998 at the age of 77.

The 'Guillotine' used so effectively in the French Revolution as an "humane method of death" was named after Bro. Joseph Ignace Guillotine.

Bro. Al Jolson was the star of the world's first talking movie 'the Jazz Singer'.

Four Kings of Hawaii were Freemasons- King David Kalakaua and King Kamehameha III, IV and V.

Bro. Simon Lake, an engineer, built the world's first working submarine.

Lipton Tea, known throughout the world, is named after Bro. Sir Thomas Lipton.

The Montgolfier Bros. invented the first practical hot air balloon. Both were Freemasons.

The American revolutionary hero Paul Revere was actually a silversmith and engraver by trade. He led the "Boston Tea Party" which consisted mostly, if not only, members of the St Andrews Lodge.

The famous circus impresarios known as the Ringling Brothers were all Freemasons – all seven of them – and their father was also on the square.

The 'King of the Cowboys', Roy Rogers' real name was Leonard Franklin Slye. He was a 33rd Degree Mason.

Bro. Franklin D Roosevelt is the only US President to have been re-elected 3 times.

The saxophone was invented by Bro. Antoine Joseph Sax.

The composer of "The Star Spangled Banner" was Bro. John Stafford Smith.

The Stars and Stripes Forever" the USA national march, was written by Bro. John Philip Sousa- the 'King of March Music'.

In 1641 Sir Robert Moray was accepted into a Masonic Lodge in Newcastle, England, 5 years prior to the celebrated acceptance of Elias Ashmole.

Bro. Franz Anton Mesmer introduced mesmerism to the world.

Lodge Hiram No. 611, on hearing of the defection to the British of their member Bro. Benedict Arnold, erased all his details from the lodge records.

Many years ago the Washington Chapter No. 3 in Portsmouth, used to announce their meetings by means of the Town Crier who was paid from to 25 cents for his work.

Bro. Samuel F Morse was inspired to create the morse code after news of his wife's death took seven days to reach him by mail.

Count Boruwalaski, a polish dwarf, was made a Mason at the Feathers Inn, Bridge Street, Chester in 1783. At that time he was 39" tall. He lived to be 98 years old.

John J Ray, PGM of the Grand Council of the AASR in Texas died at the age of 106 years on 7 May 1952.

Masonic Bro. James Bruce was the discoverer of the source of the Blue Nile in 1770.

Bro. Teddy Roosevelt had four sons, three of whom were killed in war.

Philippines national hero Bro. Jose Rizal was executed by firing squad on 30 December 1896.

The road waterproofing process known as tarmacadam was named after Scottish engineer and Masonic Bro. John London MacAdam.

Wheelocke Commandery No. 5 in Texas had all its 55 members killed whilst serving in the Confederate army. The Commandery closed down as a result.

The famous English magazine PUNCH was founded in 1841 by the English author and playwright Mark Lemon who was a member of Globe London Lodge No. 23.

There is a Masonic Temple opposite Scotland Yard.

The Walhalla Masonic Temple in Victoria State, Australia is the oldest in the country being over 120 years old and still in use.

The earliest known government edict against Freemasonry was a law passed in England by Henry VI , forbidding Masons to confederate in chapters and congregations. It seems that this law was never enforced.

On the subject of meetings it is illegal to hold a meeting in Zimbabwe today (2003) of more than 5 people without the permission of the police.

Bro. Robert Edwin Peary planted the American flag on the North Pole on 6 April 1908.

On Sunday 29 April 1770, Bro. Joseph Banks, the world famous naturalist, became the first Freemason to set foot on Australian soil.

The famous railway carriage, the "Pullman Coach" was named after its inventor Bro. George Pullman. The Pullman Palace Car Company became the greatest railway-car building company in the world.

Bro. David Sarnoff, Russian born American broadcasting mogul, was one of the first people to be inducted into Television's Hall of Fame.

Prince Hall and 14 other men of colour, were initiated into Freemasonry on 6 March 1775 and thus was born prince Hall Freemasonry in America.

LODGE OF TRUTH
(Meeting in Huddersfield)
AGENDA FOR 7 MAY 1852

2.30 PM. Nomination of Mr John Kirk
 (Architect & Builder of the Lodge)

Move to 2nd degree – test questions of four Fellowcrafts.

Move to 3rd degree – Raise separately, four Fellowcrafts.

Move to 1st degree – test questions of 2 Apprentices.

Move to 2nd degree – pass separately, three Apprentices.

20 Minute “refreshment “ break.

Pass a 4th Apprentice

Move to 1st degree – test questions of 3 apprentices.

Move to 2nd degree – pass separately 3 Apprentices.

Move to 1st degree – ballot for John Kirk.

Initiate two candidates, including John Kirk so he can attend
 consecration of new lodge.

Wor. Master to present on behalf of Bro. Schlesinsger,
 a new lodge banner.

Read out three propositions for initiation.

10 p.m. Lodge adjourned to following Monday.

On 3 July 1775, the first Prince Hall lodge was born – African
 Lodge No. 1

The suspension bridge over the Niagara Falls was designed by
 Bro. John A Roebling.

During his nearly 12 years in the White House, Bro. Franklin
 D Roosevelt delivered 30 fireside chats over the radio.

Masonic Bro. and showman P T Barnum (Later of Barnum and
 Bailey fame) introduced one of his biggest attractions in a Masonic
 Bro. known as General Tom Thumb who was just 3’4” tall. Tom
 Thumb’s real name was Charles S Stratton.

Bro. USA President Warren G Harding was the first President
 to file an Income Tax return.

Bro. Nat king Cole, famous singer and entertainer, who died
 age 45, began his musical career by playing the piano at age 4. He
 was a member of the Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49 (Prince Hall
 Constitution).

Sir Isaac Newton is presumed to be a Freemason as a result of
 his membership of the semi-Masonic Gentleman’s Club of
 Spalding. He was also Grand Master of the Priory of Sion.

Bro. Benito Juarez, a full-blooded Zapotec Indian, became
 President of Mexico.

The masterpiece of Baroque music known as the Brandenburg
 Concertos were composed by Bro. Johann Sebastian Bach and
 presented as a free gift to the margrave Christian Brandenburg.

Bro. Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Latter Day Saints
 (Mormons) together with his brother Hyrum, were shot and killed
 by a mob on 27 June 1844 whilst in Carthage Jail.

Bro. Joseph Franz Haydyn during his career composed more than 120 symphonies, more than 100 works for chamber groups, a dozen operas and hundreds of other musical works.

Bro. Albrecht Durer, German painter and engraver, is regarded as the inventor of etching.

Frank Canton joined Freemasonry in 1885. He started his career as a cattle thief and bank robber in Texas before becoming a law enforcement officer. He died as Adjutant General of Oklahoma National Guard.

The Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics (New York) and the Independent United Order of Mechanics of the Western Hemisphere inc. use rituals that are clearly based on those of Freemasonry. In fact the word “Mason” wherever found in our ritual appears to have literally been replaced with the word “mechanic”.

Many years ago when the Grand Lodge of Israel held the installation of the Grand Master and Grand Officers, a “white lodge” meeting was held which meant that it was an open public meeting.

In 2002, the installation R.Wor. Bro. A Lauer as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, was held in the Sydney City hall and was filmed live on the internet. A world first for the craft.

The first known Freemason to settle in the American colonies was Bro. John Skene in 1682. All that is known about his membership is that he was made a Mason at a lodge in Aberdeen in 1670.

President George Washington’s farewell address to the nation was not delivered by him. It had to be published instead.

Bro. Marquis de Lafayette whilst Commander of the National Guard in Paris, rescued Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette from a crowd that stormed Versailles on 6 October 1789.

Bro. Sir Ellis Robins, later to become the District Grand Master of Freemasonry in Rhodesia (1937) was the first Rhodes scholar (Oxford University scholarships endowed by Bro. Cecil John Rhodes.).

Rhodesia (Now known as Zimbabwe) was named after Bro, Cecil John Rhodes. He is buried in the hills of Matopos in Matabeleland.

Bro. Sugar Ray Robinson (Lodge Joppa – Prince Hall Constitution) held both the world middleweight and light heavy weight boxing titles simultaneously.

The family of Lawrence Alfred Mervyn Dundas, Earl of Ronaldshay, has been connected with Freemasonry with an unbroken line from the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813. During that time the family has provided a Grand Master (a 26 year term of office), 2 DGM’s and a Pro Grand Master.

Bro. Jack Lockett who died at the age of 111 years in Victoria, Australia in June 2002 was the world’s oldest Freemason at the time of his death.

Bro. Fred Hale from Baldwinsville, NY is now the oldest Freemason alive. He is also the oldest “man” in USA. He is 113 years old. (Now October 2003). If he lives long enough to earn the Guinness Book of Records title as the oldest man alive it will be the second Guinness record he will have won having been named the world’s oldest licensed driver at age 107.

In Hebrew the word **AB** means “father”, **ABI** means ‘ my father’ and **ABIF** means ‘ his father’.

Hans Johndal Ronneberg, a Norwegian attorney, was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Norway 1928-1941, who had the task of acknowledging receipt of the decree of the German Occupation Force on 20 September 1940, dictating the dissolution of Freemasonry in Norway.

Bro. David M Daugherty Jnr, a Missouri Freemason living in Maryland started on 1 January 2003, a five week fast to protest against the continued existence in Freemasonry of racial and political agendas within the fraternity.

Cleopatra's Needle (famous Egyptian Obelisk) was presented to the USA by Khedive Ismail Pasha in 1879, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The famous soap company Lever Bros. Ltd was founded by William Hesketh Lever, First Viscount Leverhulme. He was the first initiate of the William Hesketh Lodge No. 2916.

Sarkis H Nahigian was the world's largest dealer in oriental rugs. On 23 February 1848 he presented the world's largest oriental carpet to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria. The priceless meshed Persian carpet was 50' long and 30' wide and contained over 54 million hand tied knots. Bro. Nahigian was a member of Park Lodge No. 843 in Chicago.

James C Penney, founder of J C Penney Co.. Inc. once controlled more than 1700 stores in the USA. He was a member of Wasatch Lodge No. 1, Salt Lake City.

On the 26 March 1956, the Prime Minister of Japan, Ichiro Hatoyama (elected 1954) became a Freemason despite a 15 year old government policy disallowing membership of the Order.

The name of the first Freemason ever, according to the examination of a German Steinmetz, is said to have been Anton Hieronymus. The Masonic author MacKey says that this name is a corruption of 'Hiram Abiff'.

The Rotary Press that revolutionised the printing industry was invented by Masonic Bro. Richard M Hoe in 1847, a member of Columbia Lodge No. 91.

Outside of Masonic ritual the only place where the name 'Hiram Abiff' can be found is a bible published by Myles Coverdale and William Tyndale in the mid 1530's.

John A 'Jack' Johnson, negro world heavyweight boxing champion was a member of Lodge Forfar and Kincadine in Scotland.

Bro. Charles 'Buck' Jones, early actor and western movie star (a member of Henry S Orme Lodge No. 458), died in December 1942 in a Boston night club fire.

Bro. James Keith was the only Scotsman to be a lieutenant General in the Russian army.

Takashi Komatsu was the first natural born Japanese to become Wor. Master of a Japanese lodge – Tokyo Lodge No. 125.

A MASONIC SHRINER, Bro. Sydney A Baruch, invented the depth charge used in the destruction of submarines in WWI and WWII.

A Mrs Beaton (1717-1802) OF Norfolk, England, is said to have learned the secrets of the First degree by concealing herself in the lodge room, whereupon she was initiated. The only reference to this legend is to be found in "A General History of the County of Norfolk:" published in 1829.

Chevalier d'Éon de Beaumont (1728-1810) a French political adventurer was thought to be a woman. A member of La Loge de l'Immortalité No. 376, meeting at the Crown and Anchor tavern, on the Strand in London. His death confirmed his masculinity.

Bro. Remigio Morales Bermidez died whilst in office as President of Peru.

Bro. Sir Henry Rowland Bishop (1786 – 1855) and English composer of, amongst other compositions, the air “Home sweet Home” was the first musician to be knighted. (1842)

Hiram Abiff Boaz, a Methodist Bishop, was a member of Granger Lodge No. 677.

Augusto B Leguia y Salcedo, a 33rd degree Mason, was twice President of Peru.

Augustus Frederick, 3rd Duke of Leinster, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a period of 61 years – the longest period served by any Grand Master.

Bro. Willard E Evans originated the perpetual calendar.

Everyone knows that Anderson wrote the first two Books of Constitutions, but who wrote the third edition? This was Bro. John Entick who wrote the third book in 1756.

The “233 Club” members were all Freemasons in the movie colony of Hollywood.

A Freemason was the youngest Primate to be enthroned as the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1945 – he was Bro. Geoffrey Fisher.

The creator of ‘Little orphan Annie’, Harold Gray, was a member of Lombard Lodge No. 1098.

Floyd B Gates, a midget 49” tall, weighing 60 lbs was often called the smallest Past Master in the world. He was P.M. of James E Dillon Lodge No. 466.

Using the pseudonym of Louis Lambert, Bro. Patrick S Gilmore a member of Essex Lodge, wrote the Confederate battle hymn “When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again.”.

The former President of France. Leon Gambetti, on 8 October 1870, made a spectacular escape from the Prussians besieging Paris, by using a hot air balloon.

The two Freemasons who founded the Shrine- The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on 6 June 1876 – were Bro. Walter M Fleming and Bro. William J Florence (whose idea it was).

The drunken Master depicted in Bro. William Hogarth's famous painting “Night” was Sir Theo de Veil, and English nobleman. Both were members of the lodge that met at the Hand and Apple Tree tavern on Little Queen Street, London.

Beaconsfield Lodge No. 142 in London is named after Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield, the Prime Minister of England under Queen Victoria.

The mineral Dolomite is named after Bro. Dolomieu, a French geologist and mineralogist.

Dr Karl Doppler, former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Austria, said he was approached by Himmler, Hitler's Chief of Gestapo, to draft a scheme for the foundation of a sort of Freemasonry exclusively confined to members of the elite of Hitler's storm troop officers.

Bro. Paul Doumer, the 13th President of France, was assassinated 1 July 1951.

Lord Carrington (Archibald Philip – 5th Earl of Primrose) left Oxford University without a degree because he owned race horses. He had a distinguished political career, including Prime Minister of England 1894-1895. He was the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital territory, being installed in September 1888.

Cassanova de Seingalt (Born Giovanni Jacopo) was educated in the priesthood but was expelled for scandalous behaviour. He was involved in many intrigues. Best known for his memoirs which contain many references to Freemasonry.

Bro. Ng Poon Chew established the first Chinese daily newspaper in America in 1899 – it was called the Ching Sai Yat Po Daily Newspaper.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Henry Chicheley (1364-1443) gave permission for a lodge to be held in 1429 at Canterbury under his patronage with Thomas Stapylton as Master (Source: The Prestonian Illustrations.)

Sir Ian Colquhoun, Chief of the Colquoun Clan in Scotland, was an amateur boxer and lightweight champion of the British army. In his capacity as Grand Master of Scotland in 1935, he installed King George VI as the Grand Master Mason.

Ferdinand (Duke of Brunswick) and his two brothers Maximillian and William (both princes of Brunswick) was a member of Lodge St Charles.

Bro. James T Brady, a famous criminal lawyer, once successfully defended 4 clients charged with murder, in one single week.

Joseph Boruwlaski, known as Count Boruwlaski, was a celebrated dwarf in the 18th century, was made a Mason in Warsaw, but was passed and raised in the City of Chester in the lodge that met at the Feathers Inn , on 15 November 1783.

William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925) a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 was a US Presidential nominee three times.

According to Mackey's "Encyclopaedia" Englishmen founded the first lodge in Paris 1725. "It was held at the house of an English confectioner named Hure, in the Rue de Boucheries. In ten years the number of lodges in Paris had increased to six and there were several also in the provincial towns."

Coil's Masonic Encyclopaedia not only confirms the above information but cites a few history books that say the first lodge, Lodge Friendship and Brotherly Love, was established at Dunkirk in 1721.

The early 1980's were a period of Masonic repression in Greece when the new socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou declared himself to be against Freemasonry.

On 20 May 1902 Bro Thomas Estrada Palma became the first President of the Republic of Cuba.

Masonic Bro. John Brant, a Mohawk Indian Chief and son of the famous Joseph Brant (also a Freemason) succeeded his father as Principal Chief of the Six Nations in 1807.

Bro. Thomas Boyd, a lieutenant in the American Revolution, had his life spared by Indian Chief Joseph Brant when he gave a Masonic sign of distress. He was a member of Military Lodge No. 19.

Chief Crazy Bull, great grandfather of Sitting Bull, is believed to have been a member of Suffolk Lodge No. 60.

“From ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear, without incurring severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master that pure necessity hindered him” ---- Ancient Charge.

The universality of Freemasonry has important confirmation in London where no less than eight English lodges were founded by brothers from overseas. In fact, four of them perform the ceremonies in decidedly un-English tongues. The oldest of these is Lodge Pilgrim No. 238 which dates back to 1779, followed by La France No. 2060, Italia No. 2687, L'Entente Cordiale No. 2796, America No. 3368, Helder (Swiss) No. 4898, Anglo-Dutch No. 5862 and Hellenic (Greek) No. 7270.

Giovanni Bottesini (1821 – 1889) a musician and composer, a member of Bank of England Lodge No. 263 in London, was considered the world's greatest contrabassist.

Everyone has heard of our famous brother 'Rabbie Burns', but few have heard of his brother Gilbert Burns. Together they farmed 18 acres at Mossiel, Scotland. He was also a Freemason being a member of St James Lodge No. 179 in Tarbolton.

Sir Alexander Boswell, son of the celebrated writer James Boswell made famous by writing the biography "The Life and Times of Dr Johnson", was the Master of Canongate-Kilwinning Lodge No. 2 in Edinburgh. He was killed in a duel.

Antonio Guzman Blanco, President of Venezuela for three terms, erected the largest Masonic Temple in South America, in the city of Caracas.

In Greece it appears that demands were made in parliament for the withdrawal of the new 500 drachmae 'Masonic' bank note when it was issued in 1983. The design incorporates a supposed Masonic handshake at the base of the note and a 'square' is also to be found as part of the numeral 500 at the centre of the note.

Elias C Boudinot (1835 – 1890) was an Indian Chief who was admitted to the bar in 1858. He was buried with Masonic honours by Belle Point Lodge No. 20.

The Duchess of Bourbon was the first Grand Mistress of French Adoptive Freemasonry and was installed on 25 March 1775 under the authority of the Grand Orient of France (A Grand Lodge not officially recognised by most 'regular' Grand Lodges throughout the world).

William Augustus Bowles became War Chief of the five civilised tribes. He was made PGM of the Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians by the Grand Lodge of England.

Edwin T Booth, brother of John Wilkes Booth who assassinated Abraham Lincoln, and who was initiated in New York Lodge No. 330, was a famous Shakespearean actor on the American stage.

On the Antarctic Expedition 1933-1935, 60 of the 82 members were Freemasons and on 5th February 1935 they established Antarctic Lodge No. 777 (New Zealand Constitution).

In 1736 several nobles at the Polish court of King Frederick Augustus II assembled as Freemasons in Warsaw, under no recognised body. They were suppressed as a consequence of the Papal Bull of Clement XII.

In 1866, in order to raise funds for the building of the Masonic Temple in St Heliers, Jersey, the few Masons on the island printed a circulating bank note that was effectively an interest-free, guaranteed 10 year loan. The £1 notes issued in 1866 by the Masonic Temple Company are now impossible to find but one was auctioned in 1990 for £ 1 200.

The English poet John Byron (1692-1763) was also a hymnologist and the inventor of the first form of shorthand, a system that he copyrighted in 1742. Author of the phrase ‘Tweedledum and Tweedledee’ Bro. Byron was a member of the lodge that met at the Swan Inn in Long Acre, 1750.

Masonic Bro. Sir Malcolm Campbell who established many world speed records started motor racing as a hobby in 1910.

The office of Pro Grand Master of the UGLE is only created when the Grand Master is a King or Prince of Royal blood. To be the Pro Grand Master you have to be a Peer of the realm.

A great and daring Italian naval officer, Admiral and Bro. Carraciola was, at Naples, hanged from his own masthead and his body thrown into the sea.

James Boswell, brother of Dr Samuel Boswell, was also a member of Canongate-Kilwinning Lodge.

The Syracuse Lodge ceased work in 1926 as a result of anti-Masonic activity. Its door was double-locked, the key placed in the hands of a faithful brother. 23 years later the lodge room was again opened for the first time. The VSL was in its rightful place on the altar, the jewels were hanging behind each official’s station, the aprons were on the chairs where they had been hastily thrown 23 years before and on the Secretary’s desk were still lying his pens and there was ink in the ink stand.

The Savoy Operas were composed by Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, written by Sir William Gilbert and produced by D’Oyly Carte (The owner and manager of the Savoy Theatre).

Bro. Ben Alexander started as a labourer in 1919 in the wood pulp industry and 7 years later he was President of the Masonite Company.

The first Prime Minister of Australia, Sir Edmund Barton, was a member of the Australian Lodge of Harmony No. 556 (1878).

Bro. John Arbuthnot, a Scottish writer and doctor, popularised and fixed the concept of ‘ John Bull’ as typifying the ordinary Englishman in his satire against the Duke of Marlborough entitled “The History of John Bull.”

Helene Hadek Barkoczy, an Hungarian Countess, is said to have been made a Mason in 1875 in the lodge Egyenloseg at Unghvar, which held a warrant from the Grand Orient of Hungary.

John Christian Bach (1735-1782) a member of Lodge Nine Muses No. 235, London, was one of the four sons of Johann Sebastian Bach.

The International President of Rotary in 1955, Albert Baker, was a member of Lakewood Lodge No. 601.

HRH Prince Frederik of the Netherlands holds the unique Masonic record of serving as a Grand Master for 65 years.

History was made in Sierra Leone on 7 May 1987, when the President of the country was installed as Worshipful Master of his mother lodge, The Loyal Lodge No. 3719 (EC).

The sign of the mafia, the Cosa Nostra, is a point within a circle.

Five Catholic friars established Lodge Philantropica in Santo Domingo in 1819. The lodge met in the vestry of a Catholic church called Convento Dominico.

Napolean Bonaparte's four brothers were all Freemasons. They were Jerome, Joseph, Louis and Lucien.

Lord Cornwallis, a British General in the American Revolutionary war, performed the Grand Honours of Masonry at the funeral of Major General Dekalb, a German officer on the American side.

The Major General who received the sword of Cornwallis in the surrender of Yorktown, Benjamin Lincoln, was also a Freemason, initiated in St Andrews Lodge in Boston on Christmas Day 1780.

Joseph A Gilmore (1811-1867) was made a Mason at sight on 28 April 1863 and then 10 days later on 7 May 1863 he went through to 33d degree.

Carlos Rodriguez Jiminez the Venezuelan Ambassador to Japan was a Grand Master in two hemispheres. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Venezuela in 19147 and in 1957 he was elected First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan.

From the above we can say that the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan was a Venezuelan.

In 1801, Alexander I, the Czar of Russia, banned Freemasonry. Two years later in 1803, he rescinded the order when he became a Freemason. For some reason he again outlawed the craft in 1822.

In Montana the first livestock brand was the Square and Compasses. The exact date of record is uncertain but thought to be before 25 May 1872. It was first owned by Poindexter T Orr of Beaverhead, Montana.

An Indian woman was the first Tyler of the first lodge in Kansas. She was Mrs Matthew R Walker, wife of the first Senior Warden of Wyandotte Lodge. The lodge at first used to meet in the Walker's home and she became the first Grand Matron of the Eastern Star in Kansas.

Haym Salomon, a Jewish immigrant to the USA from Poland, a member of King Solomon's Lodge No. 12, was Bro. George Washington's chief financier of the American Revolution and whilst other lenders charged 10% interest, Bro. Salomon charged no interest at all.

Masonic Brothers Hidalgo and Madero, venerated revolutionary patriots in Mexico, are portrayed on a commemorative 10 peso coin issued in 160.

The inventor of the Sharps breech loading rifle, Bro Sharps, was a member of Meridian Lodge No. 158 and the Harmony Chapter N. 52.

In Canton, New York, No. 12 Pine Street is a house built in 1835 as the Royal Arch house.

On the 2nd February 1906 the Emir of Afghanistan, Habibullah Khan, was initiated into Freemasonry in a secret ceremony. His proposer was Lord Kitchener and his seconder Sir W Brurkitt.

The ceiling of the porchway or entrance to Blenheim Palace consists of six 'all-seeing eyes'.

Freemasonry was founded in Costa Rica in 1867 by a Jesuit priest, Francisco Calvo. He was Master of his lodge as well as First Sovereign Grand Commander of the AASR.

When completed in 1892, the Masonic temple in Chicago was the world's tallest building.

The inventor of the funeral hearse was Bro. George Shillibeer, a member of Globe Lodge No. 23 in London. He was also the pioneer of London's omnibus system.

The Argonaut, the first submarine to operate successfully in the open sea in 1897, was built by Bro. Simon Lake, a member of Ansantawae Lodge No. 89.

Lodge St George in Bermuda rents the old State House for the annual rental of 1 peppercorn, a tradition for 187 years (as at 2003).

Panama hats were introduced by Eloy Alfaro, the Ecuadorian liberator, Freemason and President. He imported the hats from Ecuador whilst exiled in Panama and travellers bought large quantities who presumed they were from Panama.

The founder of the Encyclopedia Britannica, Andrew Bell, was a member of Holyrood House Lodge No. 44 in Edinburgh.

The first Masonic funeral service in California in 1849 was for the body of an unknown Freemason who was found drowned in the bay. A Mark Master's silver mark was found on the body. Tattooed on his left arm were the emblems of the EA; on his right arm the emblems of a FC; on his left breast the lights of Freemasonry and over his heart a pot of incense. On other parts of his body were a beehive, sword and heart, all-seeing eye, hourglass, sun, moon, stars, comet, 3 steps, weeping virgin and Father Time with his scythe.

The Rev. Josiah Henson is believed to have been the role model for Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin". A negro slave, he escaped to Canada in 1830 and is buried at Dresden, Ontario. His gravestone bears the square and compasses.

Dr Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843) a member of Lodge Minerva in Leipsig was the founder of homeopathy.

Webster Wagner the inventor of the railroad sleeping car was killed in a train wreck. He was a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 79 in New York.

"Oscar of the Waldorf", the internationally famous chef of the Hotel Waldorf was born in 1866. His full name was Oscar Tschurky, a member of the Metropolitan Lodge No. 273 in New York.

Bro. Dioniso Herrea (1790-1850) was elected President of three countries. Honduras (1824-1827), Nicaragua (1829-1884) and El Salvador. This last named country elected him as its President but he declined to accept.

Daedalus Lodge No. 3843, Sleaford Aerodrome is associated with the Cranwell Royal Naval Air Service Training establishment and has some unusual working tools. The 24" gauge is made from the side window of a Lancaster bomber which had performed many raids over Germany as a Pathfinder in No. 97 Squadron. The skirret and compasses are made from the brass taken from a German aircraft shot down over England in 1943. The chisel is a firing pin from a German 'flying bomb'. The plumb and level are part of a propeller used on a Sopwith Snite in the first world war. The alms bag is made from Perspex taken from a German aircraft shot down over Buckinghamshire in 1941. The velvet bag is part of the lining of the German pilot's helmet and the gavel is made from the crankcase of a Junker.

The only cornerstone in Korea bearing a Masonic emblem (The S & C) was laid in 1955 by members of the armed forces at the Pusan Childrens' Charity Hospital.

In 1831 the anti-Masonic Party nomination for USA President was William Wurt who was in fact a Freemason. He even defended the craft in a speech he made before the convention that nominated him as the party's candidate.

California's grape and wine industry was introduced to the area by a Freemason, Count Agoston Haraszthy de Mokcsa, an Hungarian-American pioneer who introduced the Okay, Zinfandel and Shiras grapes to the area. He was a member of Madison Lodge No. 5.

The 29th President of the USA Warren G Harding was initiated on 28 June 1901, but only raised 19 years later on 27 August 1920.

Field Marshall Earl Douglas Haig, Commander in Chief of the British forces in WWI, was initiated in Igin Lodge No. 91 at Lever, Scotland, on 27 December 1881 and was raised in the same lodge **43 years** later. He was Master of the lodge in 1925.

Ebenezer Freeman of Middlesex Lodge, Massachusertts, was initiated in the 18th century and raised in the 19th century, 29 years later.

William D Elliott joined Mahoning Lodge No. 243. After his reception on 1st December 1856, he wasn't seen again until 1864 when he petitioned for re-instatement. Due to another prolonged non-appearance before taking his 2nd degree he was again suspended. 16 years later he re-petitioned the lodge yet another year elapsed before his fellowcraft degree was taken and finally on 7 October 1881, 25 years after his original petition, he was raised to the 3rd degree.

A member of Lodge Friendship No. 206 in London, Paul Boynton, was in his day a famous swimmer and adventurer. He swam across every continent in the world in a special rubber suit.. His longest trip was 3580 miles long.

An ex-President, the incumbent President and 2 future Presidents of Argentina, all knelt together at the altar of Union Del Plata Lodge. They were General J J Urquiza, Santiago Derqui, General Bartolome Mitre and Domingo Faustino Sarmiento.

The Springfield rifle, once the backbone of the US army, was designed and developed by Bro. and General Odus C Horney, a 50 year member of Alamo Lodge No. 44 in San Antonio, Texas.

The Antients became so named because they claimed adherence to the ancient traditions and landmarks of the Order from which – so the Antients claimed – the premier Grand Lodge of 1717 had deviated. Thus the earlier Grand Lodge was dubbed the 'moderns'.

England's famous 'Penny Black' postage stamp issued in 1840 and pride of place in any stamp collection, was engraved by Jacob Perkins a member of St Paul's Lodge in the USA.

Daniel O'Connell (1775-1847) an Irish Nationalist Leader, who united the Irish Roman Catholics under the leadership of their priests, was a member of three Masonic lodges.

The author of the colossal work 'decline and Fall of the Roman Empire' which is still regarded as the premier history of Rome, Edward Gibbon, was raised in March 1775.

A lodge in Raleigh was in session when the news came of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. The brethren left the hall without a formal closing of the lodge which then technically remained open for the next 50 years (1865 to 1915). The Master who eventually closed the meeting in 1915 was the same brother who was in the chair at the original meeting.

Miguel Aleman, President of Mexico from 1947 to 18952 was initiated into Antiquities Lodge No. 9 on 20 October 1930 when he was 26 years old.

Lux in Tenebris, Lodge No. 3856 in London, is a lodge for blind freemasons. The name of the lodge means 'light in darkness'.

HRH Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh and consort of Queen Elizabeth of England, was initiated in the Navy Lodge No. 2612 on 5 December 1952.

The Poinsettia plant is named after a Freemason – Joel R Poinsett.

The highest lodge room in the world – the Roof of the World Lodge No. 1094 – is situated in Oroya, Peru in the Andes Mountains at an elevation of 14 167 feet above sea level.

The Alice Springs Lodge No. 156 in the outback of South Australia often has members attending its meetings who have travelled in excess of 9000 miles to attend! If you live within 500 miles of the Alice Springs post office you are a "town" member. At the consecration of the lodge on 26 August 1934, those present had traveled 28,000 miles.

At 92 years of age, Bro. Eric Carter of Lodge Wahroonga No. 674 situated in Sydney, Australia, has just started his 31st term as Chaplain of the Lodge (2003).

Iceland's first President, Sveinn Bionnsson, founded Edda Lodge in 1919. He became the Grand Master of the Icelandic Freemasons.

The Mayo Clinic's early head quarters were in the Masonic Temple at Rochester. The Mayo brothers (William, Charles H and Charles W) were all members of the Rochester Lodge No. 2.

The world's largest Mason, Miles Darden, weighed over 1000 lbs. He was 7'6" tall, 6'4" around the waist. His coffin took 100' of timber and 17 men to lift it.

Masonic Bro. Dr John Roe was a noted arctic explorer and once travelled 23 000 miles on snow shoes, dragging a loaded sled.

In 1884 the father of John and Nathan Tracy willed his two sons (plus his farm and cattle) to the Eastland Lodge No. 467, in Texas.

Bro. Thomas Griffith, a colourful Irish poet and actor, became the Grand Secretary of the Irish Grand Lodge and gained notoriety amongst Masonic historians because he lost, or perhaps never wrote down at all, the records of Grand Lodge whilst its secretary.

Bro. Harold Godfrey Lowe, the 5th Officer on the RMS Titanic, was one of only four surviving officers from the Titanic sinking.

In 1809 the famous explorer Merriwether Lewis was murdered. At the time of his murder he was carrying his Masonic apron folded in his coat and the bloodstains can still be seen on the relic.

Optin Lodge No. 33 in Murphys, California has a chair in the East which is 15' long seating the Wor. Master, Past Masters and all visiting Dignitaries.

A Master Mason for only 34 days! General Thomas A Smyth was raised in Washington Lodge No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware on 6 March 1864 and was killed by a sniper's bullet on 9 April 1864.

On the 10 April 1936, Winnedumah Lodge No. 287 in Bishop, California, held a meeting on the floor of Death Valley, 270' below sea level. This is the lowest place on the continent. 50 lodges from 10 States were present.

John Hancock, the first person to sign the US Declaration of Independence was a member of St Andrews Lodge in Boston. It was the members of this lodge that carried out the raid that became famous as the Boston Tea Party.

Canon William Henry Cooper was a member of 17 lodges on three continents – a founder and first Wor. Master of 3 of them.

The first aprons were badges of disgrace. The first reference to clothing is in Genesis 3.7 – Adam and Eve on realising the nature of their transgression sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

Joseph Brant, the Mohawk Indian Chief known as Thayendanega became a Mason in London on 26 April 1776.

The Grand Lodge of California once had an official Grand Clam Baker, Bro. George T Bromley who officiated at a clam bake on 11 October 1877 at Sausalito.

Lodge 239 of France held a 3rd degree meeting in an hot air balloon over Paris.

The Jewel Lodge No. 374 of San Francisco opens at midnight once a year during the annual communication of Grand Lodge. Its membership includes many musicians, theatrical and newspaper men for whom midnight is a convenient hour.

Famous “Gone with the Wind” actor Clark Gable took his 33rd degree in the Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528.

Sir Thomas Stanford Raffles, the founder of Singapore, became a Freemason in a lodge situated on a coffee estate in Java. He was born at sea and died on his birthday 5 July 1826.

Jean Sibelius, the brilliant Finnish composer, was for many years the Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Finland. His Masonic music is only available from the Grand Lodge of Finland in Helsinki.

Alessandro, the self-styled Comte de Cagliostro founded Egyptian Freemasonry in 1777. His 1776 initiation into a London lodge attached to the irregular Rite of Strict Observance is not documented, but he is known to have been a regular attendee at the Lodge of Antiquity. He was a magician, healer, necromancer and self-proclaimed chief of the Rosicrucians. He was arrested in Rome by the Catholic Inquisition on 27 December 1789 and convicted of forming societies and conventicles of Freemasonry and was sentenced to death. This was later commuted to perpetual imprisonment. He died 4 years later in the dungeons of the castle of St Leo. He was initiated in London in Lodge d’Esperance No. 239 (? No. 369).

On 25 October 1854, Bro. Lt. Alexander Dumas was awarded the Victoria Cross for saving the lives of two men during the famous charge of the Light Brigade.

On the 13 September 1759 Masonic brothers General James Woolf and Major General the Marquis de Monleaten were both killed at the Battle of the Plains of Jericho. Sir Guy Carleton, also a Freemason, was wounded at the same battle. He later became Governor in Chief of British North America (1786-1795).

A new Grand Lodge established 1 October 2003. On this date the 1, 585 lodges which exist in London, England established their own Grand Lodge, known as the Metropolitan Grand Lodge.

Louis Michel Thibault (1750 – 1815) was the architect of South Africa’s first Masonic Temple built in Cape Town for Lodge de Goede Hoop No 1 (GL South Africa). He later went on to design practically every notable building in the Cape Province, South Africa.

On the 16 February 1804, Bro. Lt. Stephen Decatur Burns led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbour to burn the US Navy frigate ‘Philadelphia’ that had fallen into the hands of pirates.

The Lodge de Goede Hoop Temple is situated in the precincts of the South African Parliament in Cape Town. Urban legend states that the land on which Parliament stands formed part of the original Lodge grounds and was sold to the government for £1. and that should Parliament ever move from Cape Town, then the government have to sell the property back to the Masons for the same price it purchased it for. Talk about the world's biggest real estate bargain!

When was the first Daylight Lodge started? In Victoria (Australia) one lodge was formed in 1914 (Lodge Thespian) and yet another in 1925 (Lodge Orpheus). It is also known that Daylight Lodge No. 232 in Seattle was formed in 1920.

In 1812, the Masonic situation in the Philippines was 45 Filipino lodges, 1 Prince Hall lodge, 3 American lodges, 2 Scottish lodges, 5 lodges under the Gran Oriente de Espana, 1 lodge under the Gran Logia Lusitano Unido, a few French lodges on the verge of collapse and about 500 sojourning foreign Freemasons who were not attached to any lodge. The side degrees/other Orders were also represented.

St Ursula Lodge No. 8952 (UGLE) is probably the only lodge in the English Constitution to be named after a Mother Superior.

8 Employees and the 2 owners (10 in all) of the firm of Williams and Walker were all made Master Masons on 1 June 1904 in Waverly Lodge No. 597, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The civil war gun boat the SS Baron de Kalb (formerly the SS St Louisja) had a square and compasses between the smoke stacks.

The Grand Lodge of Iran still exists in exile.

On the eve of the French Revolution, France had close to 100,000 Freemasons.

The historic town of Mafeking was established in Bechuanaland (Now known as Botswana) in 1885 by three prominent Freemasons, Cecil John Rhodes (after whom Rhodesia – now Zimbabwe – was named), Sir Charles Warren (one of the last archeologists to explore KST and of 'Jack the Ripper' fame), and Sir Hercules Robinson.

The first surviving record of the Royal Arch Degree is the Minute Book of the Vernon Lodge in Colerain, Ireland in 1767. This is presumably the history in the 'old country' as there are Minutes existing from 22 December 1753 of a working in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The year 2003 will be the 250th anniversary of this meeting.

Historically, Freemasonry's oldest documents, the Old Charges, fall into three groups. The first comprises the two earliest versions namely The Regius Ms of 1390 and the Cook Ms of 1420. the second and largest group begins with the Grand Lodge Ms No. 1 dated 25 December 1583 through to the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge in 1717 and the third group consists of manuscript and printed versions produced after 1717 most of which appear to have been produced as antiquarian curiosities (according to John Hamill, *The Craft, A History of English Freemasonry*).

The Wood Ms written in 1610 traces the history of the Order from two pillars that were found after Noah's flood, one made from a marble that would not burn with fire and the other made of a substance known in Masonic legend as laterus which would not dissolve in water. The Ms goes on to describe an inscription on one of these pillars describing the secrets of the sciences from which the Sumerians developed a moral code that passed to the Egyptians through the Sumerian Abraham and his wife Sarah.

Bro. Sir Donald Bradman, the legendary cricketer, is the first Australian to be depicted on an Aussie postage stamp while still living.

The theory of the Knights Templars being the fore-runners of our speculative Freemasonry is based on many facts and legends. One such reference is to our familiar Tyler's Toast which it is said confirms that at one time the brethren of the Order were dispersed all over the world which in fact is what happened to the Templars. Have another look at the words of this Toast.

When Freemasonry went public in 1717 it appeared that the Royal Society was virtually a subsidiary of the Order with almost every member and founding member being a Freemason.

In 1986 at the Worlds Fair in Vancouver EXPO '86 – two hundred Master Masons from all over the world held a daylight lodge meeting (10 a.m.).

The first warrants were issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, a practice that started as soon as their first Grand Master was installed.

The **Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine** (More commonly referred to as the Shrine) is an anagram of MASON. Coincidence?

The Scottish Rite Mason and famous comedian "Red" Skelton composed 5000 musical compositions, including 64 symphonies and wrote more than 4000 books and short stories.

Igualdad Lodge of Mark Masons in Curacao, paid a monthly rental of 40 francs plus two barrels of water.

Four erased and disgruntled lodges in 1823 formed their own Grand Lodge in England called the Wigan Grand Lodge. During its tenure it actually constituted six lodges.

The following notes are taken from a paper read at the Lodge of Research No. 200 Dublin on 26 October 1917.

The Royal Naval Lodge No. 59 in England has held its meetings not no less than 16 different pubs:- Chequers, Charing Cross, Crown and Anchor, King Street, Red Lion, Nottingham Street, Three Compasses, High Holburn, Coach and Horses, Two Blue Posts, Maiden Lane, The Sun, Suffolk Street, Ship and Anchor, Wapping Street, Queen's Arms, Wapping Street, King's Head, Blackfriars Road, Freemasons Tavern, Surrey Tavern, Gt Queen Street, Crown and Anchor, Strand, The Crown, Clerkenwell Green, and the George and Vulture.

Whenever a Freemason visits Paris he simply has to attend at a restaurant named 'Le Procope' which was founded in 1686. This restaurant used to be the 'South' for the historical lodge "Les Noeuf Soeurs" and some of the famous (mostly Masonic) diners in years past include La Fontaine, Voltaire, Dr Guillotine, Marat, Danton, Robespierre, Benjamin Franklin, Napoleon Bonaparte, Balzac, Victor Hugo, Gambetta and Verlaine.

"On 8 June 1915, in Lurgan Masonic hall, County Armagh, Pioneers Lodge No. 420 (I) was constituted in the 16th battalion, Royal Ulster Rifles (Pioneers). At the end of September the Battalion, with its lodge, moved to France with the Ulster Division.

Meetings were held whenever conditions permitted. After the Battle of the Somme, the Division moved to Ploegsteert in Belgium. Here two meetings were held, which both began at 3 p.m. The brethren were called from labour to refreshment around 6 p.m. and labour was resumed at 7.30 p.m. On each occasion the lodge was closed about 10 p.m."

At the two meetings a 2nd lieutenant, the RSM and a sergeant were initiated; the Lt. Col and a lieutenant were passed; three lieutenants were raised. The brethren attended these meetings fully armed and carrying gas masks and at times the words of the ritual were rendered almost inaudible by the sound of the guns.

The miniscule island of Eustatia in the West Indies with an area less than eight square miles with a population of less than 1800 people is so small that it is often omitted from maps has had warranted a staggering 12 lodges in the 18th century.

Herman Goering's membership of the Order lapsed in 1920. In 1933 he changed the Grand Lodge of Prussia into the German Christian Order of Friendship. By the time Freemasonry was banned in Germany in 1934, the German lodges had been given ample time to destroy their membership records and similarly Danish Freemasons were forewarned of the German invasion plan of Denmark.

A lodge devoted to cyclists – Lodge of the Open Road No. 5983 (UGLE) was formed in 1944.

On the 4 December 1996 Lodge La Corne d'Or No. 1039 was consecrated in Paris. It works partly in Turkish.

Bro. Henry Peter Brougham born on 19 September 1778 who became Lord High Chancellor of England, had the Brougham carriage named after him.

Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Magic Flute" was first performed in Vienna on 30 September 1791. This opera has many Masonic connotations in it.

On 27 August 1859 a Freemason, Bro. Edward Drake, became the first man to successfully drill for oil.

Former US President Lyndon Baines Johnson never went higher than EA.

When he died, Bro. J W von Goethe, the great German poet, author, dramatist and philosopher spoke these last words "*mehr licht*" – meaning 'more light'.

On 6th September 1920, aired the first ever radio broadcast of a prize fight when Bro. Jack Dempsey knocked out Billy Maske in the 3rd round of a 10 round fight.

The 'Pink Panther' movies starred Bro. Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau.

King George VI created a precedent by becoming the first British sovereign to be active in Masonic ceremonies, personally conducting the installation of three Grand Masters of the UGLE.

When Bro. Sir Walter Scott died "*his funeral was like a king's...., When the coffin was taken from the hearse, one deep sob burst from a thousand lips.*"

Bro. Sir Stanford Fleming (1827 – 1915) was a well-known Canadian government engineer who was a promoter of the scheme for spanning the Pacific Ocean by electric cable.

Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, a famous Australian aviator, made many aviation records and was made an honorary Air Commander in the RAAF.

The Cooke manuscript, one of the oldest versions of the 'Old Charges' was purchased from Mrs Caroline Baker on 14 October 1859.

Bro. Alexander Pushkin, a great poet of Russia and author of the 'Life of Peter the Great', was killed in a duel on 10 February 1837.

On 20 December 1874, a special meeting was convened of New York Lodge No. 330 when the 3rd Degree was exemplified for Bro. David Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands.

On 4 August 1763, George Washington took his 3rd degree.

On 18 January 1871 Wild Bill Hickock too his 3rd degree in Platte Lodge No. 32, Nebraska.

George Washington was a 21 years old Virginia planter when he became a Master Mason.

Quotation from George Washington:

“Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honourable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.”

A Couple of sayings: “Man, if you got to ask, you’ll never know.”

Bro. **Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong** in reply to a request for him to define ‘jazz’. “Satchmo” was one of the world’s leading jazz musicians and a member of Lodge Montgomery No. 18 (Prince Hall Constitution).

“I leave this rule for others when I’m dead. Always be sure you’re right—then go ahead.”

Bro. Davy Crockett – King of the wild frontier.

“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few”.

Bro. Winston Churchill paying tribute to the Royal Air Force on the first day of the Battle of Britain when the German Luftwaffe began its mass bombing of London.

The 20 December is St Thomas Day. Although not the Patron Saint of Freemasons he could very well have been as for hundreds of years he has been the Patron Saint of architects and builders. He is sometimes pictured wearing a square and compasses.

On the 19 November 1929 the ‘Cup of Brotherly Love’ that was presented to Evans Lodge No. 524, Evanston, Illinois, started its journey around the world being displayed in many lodges. It always travelled Eastwards. Its homecoming was celebrated 29 years later on 24 May 1958.

On 10 August 1924, Bro. Franklin D Roosevelt was stricken with polio.

Bro. Brigham Young was chosen to lead the Mormon Church on 8 August 1844.

When Leslie King’s parents got divorced he was adopted by his stepfather and given the new name of Gerald Ford. He became a Freemason in 1951 at Malta Lodge No. 465 in Grand Rapids, Missouri. A Nobleman in Saladin Temple, AAONMS, he was elected 13 consecutive times to the US House of Representatives, became Vice-President in 1973 and US President in August 1974.

Iceland has the highest density of Freemasons. The total population of Iceland is approximately 290 000 with nearly 3000 Freemasons. This means that about one in every 100 inhabitants is a Freemason, or one in 50 males.

In 1795 as a result of an attack made on the King of England the Treasonable Practices Act was passed followed by the Seditious Meetings Act. This latter Act prohibited meetings of more than 50 people without notice to a magistrate. This had a serious effect on the lodges of the day.

Bro. John Fitch invented the steamboat in 1787.

It is understood that a list of those attending the meetings had to be tendered to the police and it was apparently the job of the Junior Deacon to take this list once the lodges knew who was actually attending a meeting and it is this practise that is referred to when, in some rituals, the Senior Deacon announces one of his functions is to “await the return of the Junior Deacon”.

The first American-based settler to become a Freemason on American soil was Jonathan Belcher.

The first known Freemason to settle on American soil was Br. John Skene.

In 1779, four years after his historic ride, Bro. Paul Revere was charged with unsoldierly behaviour leading towards cowardice. He was cleared of the charge. The grandson of the General bringing the charge against Bro. Revere was none other than Henry Wadsworth Longfellow the author of “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere”.

Bro. Gerald Ford was the only man to have served as Vice-President and President of the USA without being elected to either office.

Bro. George Washington has more places named after him than any US President since. He is the only person whose birthday is a legal holiday everywhere in the USA.

Shortly after its formation in 1962 the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa changed its name to the Grand Lodge of South Africa with the withdrawal of the lodges in Rhodesia.

The famous flying pioneer Bro. Charles Lindbergh, used to wear a square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck charm.

Since 1925 there have been 12 Freemasons with the name of Battye in New South Wales, Australia.

Bro. Henry Ford introduced his famous Model T Ford Motor Car on 1 October 1908. It was to sell over 15 million in the period 1908-1927.

President Franklin D Roosevelt was present when his three sons were raised to Master Mason. Elliot on 17 February 1933, James and Franklin Junior on 8 November 1935, all in Architect Lodge No. 519 New York City.

One of the ‘swing’ eras most famous band leaders and Bro. Glenn Miller disappeared on 15 December 1944 on a flight over the English Channel. Famous for such recordings as ‘ Moonlight Serenade’ he became, in the capacity of Major Miller, the leader of the US Army and Air Force Band.

The city of Houston, Texas is named after Bro. Sam Houston.

The Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge is named after Prince Hall a slave who was indentured to a leather worker named Hall who was a Freemason.

When astronaut Bro. Walter Schirra was in command of Apollo 7 space rocket, he took with him several Masonic items.

Bro. Andrew Jackson, the 17th US President, was taken to court in 1868 on charges of impeachment, but was acquitted by a vote of 35 to 19, two short of the number needed for a conviction.

Br. Nat King Cole was the first black entertainer to host a national television show.

Bro. William Jennings Bryan, the American political leaders, was nicknamed the ‘silver-tongued orator”.

The oratoria ‘ Messiah’ premiered in London on 23 March 1775. Handel’s Messiah, as it is more familiarly known, was composed by Bro. George Frederick Handel.

“I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.” The conclusion to the famous liberty speech of Bro. Patrick Henry.

The annual anniversary of the death of Erick Weiss, better known as Harry Houdini, occasions meetings of magicians attempting to communicate with the dead

Bro. Horatio Nelson died at sea at the Battle of Trafalgar with which his name is synonymous.

At the age of 77 Bro. John Glenn went back into space for the second time, aboard the shuttle Discovery.

When the Seditious Oaths Act was promulgated as law in England in 1799 it permitted only lodges that existed before the Act, to continue, provided that they sent annually, the names and descriptions of all their members to the Clerk of the Peace, on or before the 25th day of March. As no new lodges could be formed, the practice of re-issuing warrants started, whereby new lodges were formed but were given old warrants that had belonged to lodges that no longer existed.

Bro. A Jolson starred in the world’s first talking movie “The Jazz Singer”.

‘Parson’ Weems, a member of the Dumfries Lodge No. 50 started the fictitious legend about Bro. George Washington chopping down the cherry tree.

Br. John Brown was hanged for treason in 1859 for raiding Harper’s Ferry.

Bro. Richard Brinsley Sheridan the noted Irish dramatist once invited a young lady “To come into my garden. I want my roses to see you.” He was a member of Lodge of Antiquity No. 2 in London.

When Bro. Sam Houston won the election to become the President of Texas, his opponent was also a Freemason, the equally famous Stephen F Austin.

The author of Gullivers Travels, Masonic Bro. Jonathan Swift was an Irish born Catholic priest.

The radio news program about the Martians invading the world that created panic amongst the public was staged by H G Wells and Br. Orson Welles.

Both Gilbert and Sullivan of light operetta fame, were Freemasons.

Bro. William Schwenk Gilbert, of the Gilbert and Sullivan partnership, died after saving a woman from drowning in 1836.

The famous seafarer and explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his equally famous contemporaries Christopher Columbus, Vasco da Gama and Bartholomew Diaz were all members of the Revised Templar Order in Portugal.

Bro. Franz von Liszt made his piano debut at age 11.

Austria’s musical genius Masonic Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in the last years of his life lived off the charity of his brethren and was penniless when he died at the age of 35.

After serving 3 years in prison for sodomy, Bro. Oscar Wilde lived in Paris under the name of Sebastian Melmoth,

Two months before Jean Voltaire died he was taken to Lodge Les Neuf Soeurs in Paris by Bro. Benjamin Franklin where he was initiated.

Bro. Sir Robert Gordon Menzies. Long serving Prime Minister of Australia, presented his personal standard to Hearts of Oak Lodge No. 681 in 1976 which was a lodge dedicated to the little ships that supported the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940.

Bro. Harry S Truman is buried in the grounds of his Presidential library.

When Bro. Beethoven made his last appearance on stage he was totally blind. His performance was as conductor of one of his symphonies.

Pope John XXIII rescinded the Catholic anathema against the Order.

Bro. Albert Sax invented the saxophone.

The longest serving Mason was Charles McCue, born 14 June 1756 in Northern Ireland. He became a Mason there at the age of 18. He emigrated to Canada and affiliated to St John's Lodge No. 68 Ontario. When he died on 5 May 1870, he had been a Freemason for a few months short of 95 years.

Mason's Hall in Richmond, Virginia, USA claims to be the oldest Masonic temple in continual use in North America.

In 1792 the cornerstone of the White House was laid with Masonic ceremony, but no-one today knows where it is.

In 1769 the Massachusetts Grand Lodge was formed and its first Grand Master, Dr Joseph Warren was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The seafaring segment on Nantucket understood Freemasonry best and a meeting of brethren was held there on 9 May 1771 although no records survive of these early meetings. The leading families of Nantucket were Quakers so it is surprising that Freemasonry took root in this unfavourable climate.

Anti-Masonry is far from new as one can read from the following mocking invitation not the annual April procession of the Scald Miserable Masons, a pseudo-Masonic organisation which existed in the early 1700's. *"For three mags a carcase to scan your Pannum Boxes, tickets can be had at all vantage points to view the Masonic procession. Vantage points are: The Lodge in Brick Street, near Hide Park Corner, the Barley Broth Women at St Paul's Churchyard, Smithfield Hospital gate, Nan Duck's in Black-Boy-Alley and Chick Lane."*

On the 30th August 1992 the Philippine Post Office issued a set of three stamps in honour of Lodge Nilad, the first Masonic lodge in the Philippines, founded in 1892.

Bro. Hjlmar Schacht a German financier and considered one of the great financial brains of his time, was put under house arrest by the Nazis in 1940.

'Plantagenet' was the pen name for Edouard Ignace Engel, an editor and martyr. His was a well-loved name in newspaper circles in Europe and at the fall of Paris in WWII he helped many Masons to escape from their countries. For this the Nazis arrested him in October 1943 and on 25 December he was executed by them whilst in Buchenwald Concentration Camp. He was the founder of Lodge Goethe No. 279 in 1926.

Philip 1st Duke of Wharton and the second nobleman to be Grand Master of England, was President of the notorious "Hell Fire Club" and almost certainly the founder of the anti-Masonic body of Gormogons.

Early records of Union Lodge in 1771 approved some unique proposals.

'December 28, 1772

Voted that every member heretofore made, not being a resident, but continues a member three years and pays up monthly, shall be entitled upon his application to receive four dollars from this lodge.'

'November 3, 1777.

Voted that the Secretary will do his endeavours to make some enquiries to swap wine for rum on the best terms he can.'

'November 3, 1777

Voted that Bro. William Johnson should git made a pair of linen drawers as soon as conveniently can be made for the benefit of any new candidate.'

'October 5, 1776.

Voted that there be a committee of three brothers viz. Bro. Folger, Bro. Paul Pinkham and Bro. Obed Bunker, are chosen to take greatest care of the chest of this lodge and the furniture of same, in case the enemy is in sight of us here.'

'October 14, 1778

Voted that there be a letter wrote down to Boston to some friend to liberate our Brothers now being in captivity on board a prison ship in New York.'

Some European Orders use a White Book, with blank pages, on their altars to represent the VSL.

When Pascual Ortiz Rubio became President of Mexico in 1930 (to 1932) he had been a Freemason for 30 years.

The two sons of the Rothschild banking empire were both members of Lodge Emulation.

The tutor to Prince Gustav who became King Gustav III in Sweden, was Count Carl Frederik Scheffer who was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Sweden in 1760.

Bro. Mozart only wrote the music to the Magic Flute. It was Bro. Emmanuel Schickaneder who wrote the lyrics.

Bro. Joseph Schlitz of Lodge Aurora No. 30 founded the Schlitz Brewing Company.

Frederick Schoeller whilst Prussian Ambassador to the Russian court of Alexander I, was simultaneously the JGW of the Russian Grand Lodge Astrea.

Bro. Phillip Syng, a member of St John's Lodge, on 7 November 1734 made the silver ink stand used by the signers of the US Declaration of Independence.

J G Tarver, a giant with the Ringling Bros. Circus, standing 8'4" and weighing 460 lbs, was a member of Alba Lodge No. 633. He usually appeared with Mrs Morris one of the tallest women in the world at 7'2" and she was a member of the Elizabeth Chapter No. 41 of the OES.

Admiral Alfred von Turpitz, a German naval officer and member of Lodge Zum Aufrichtegen Herzen, created the most modern navy of the late 1800's.

The English strong man of the 18th century Thomas Topham, kept the Red Lion Public House near the old St Luke Hospital in London. A friend of Desaguliers he was Master of the Standing Man Lodge No. 68.

The square and compasses and pruning knife form part of the Emblem of Merit of the British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners.

The Wigan Grand Lodge which existed between the years 1823 and 1913 (90 years!) was established following a period of upheaval after the union of 1813. The lodges involved were from the Liverpool, Manchester and Barnsley areas and centered themselves in Wigan.

In 1750, Joseph Torrubia, who was a Catholic priest, was instructed by the Pope to seek admission to Freemasonry and to use every means possible to acquire a complete knowledge of the craft. He secured membership of 97 lodges in Spain.

Anthony Trollope, a member of Banagher Lodge No. 306 in Ireland, was a well-known English novelist and wrote more than 50 novels.

A member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of England was the Maharajah Sir Jaya Chamaraya, the former Governor of Mysore, India.

Richard Wagner, the German composer, was advised not to apply for membership of Lodge Leusis zur Verschuregan as there were members who opposed his personal life style.

The Goose and Gridiron, the old ale house in St Paul's Churchyard, where some medieval lodges met and where the first Grand Lodge of England was formed, got its name from its sign of a Lyre and Swan which were popularly supposed to represent the Gridiron and Goose.

When Bro. "Buzz" Aldrin stepped on to the surface of the Moon he carried with him a special deputation from the Grand Master of Texas, to claim the Moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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6 January 1770

This is to acquaint the public that on Monday 1st inst. Being the Lodge or monthly meeting night of the Free and Accepted Masons of the 22nd Regiment, held at the Crown, near Newgate, Mrs Bell, the landlady of the house, broke open the door with a poker by which means she got into an adjacent room, made a hole through the wall and by that stratagem discovered the secrets of Masonry and knowing herself to be the first woman in the world that ever found out the secret, is willing to make it known to all of her sex.

So that any lady that is desirous of learning the secrets of Freemasonry, by applying to that well-learned woman (Mrs Bell) who has lived 15 years in and about Newgate, may be instructed in all secrets of Masonry.

The "Iron Duke" Bro. Arthur, Duke of Wellington, was a feared soldier and in his very successful military career the most well-known battle was that of Waterloo.

Reference to the "Iron Duke" his father Gafrett, Earl of Mornington, was Grand Master of Ireland in 1776, his brother Richard 1st Marquis of Wellesley and 2nd earl of Mornington was Grand Master of Ireland in 1782.

John Walkes an English political reformer was made a Mason in Clerkenwell on 3 March 1769 whilst he was in gaol in the King's Bench Prison.

William J Williams, a member of St John's Lodge No. 3, painted the only picture of George Washington in Masonic regalia.

Dominique You, a close friend of Jean Lafitte, was also a pirate as well as a member of Lodge La Concordia, New Orleans.

Rudyard Kipling's father was also a Mason and the curator of the Lahore Museum.

Rudyard Kipling gave unstintingly of his time and effort as a member of the Imperial War Graves Commission and is credited with the authorship of the inscription seen in every cemetery "Their Name Liveth For Evermore."

When John Philip Souza, the 'March King' died, he had been a Mason for more than 50 years.

Many old rituals have the colours yellow and blue included in the catechism in allusion to the Master and also to the colours of the compasses being yellow for the brass and blue for the steel. The third edition of Pritchard states:

Q. Have you seen your Master today?

A. Yes

Q. How was he clothed?

A. In a yellow jacket and blue pair of breeches."

Matthew McBlain Thomson was convicted in 1922 of using the mails to defraud. He was selling Masonic degrees through the post.

The Commissioner of Patents in 1872 ruled that the Masonic emblem could not be used in any trademark or trade name for commercial purposes.

The town of Keystone near to Mount Rushmore was named by a gold prospector in 1877 for his York Rite Chapter watch charm.

When Masonic Richard E Byrd and Berndt Balchen first flew over the North and South Poles they dropped a Masonic flag on each Pole.

Well known actor Jack Carson was the first of 5 candidates to be made EA at Cecile Daylight Lodge No. 305 in 1936. Whilst the other 4 candidates were being initiated he learnt the proficiency so well that he gave it perfectly the same evening.

Bro. and General Thomas H Benton, Grand Master in Iowa (1860-1862) posted Federal troops around Bro. Albert Pike's Masonic library at Little Rock in Arkansas to protect its valuable contents when that city was invaded during the civil war.

Every United States President from Tennessee has been a Freemason.

The term 'gerrymander' became part of the English language when Br. Elbridge Gerry, 5th Vice President of the USA, signed a de-districting Bill while Governor of Massachusetts.

The first evidence of Freemasonry in North America appeared in Nova Scotia where a stone was found bearing an engraved square and compasses on the shore of Goat Island in the Annapolis Basin. In the centre of the slab was the date 1606. The stone is said to have become part of a wall for a building so it was covered with cement and never found again.

The Revolutionary War General who commanded the artillery, Henry Knox, who was a member of the St John's Military Lodge at Morristown, New Jersey also founded and organised West Point Military Academy.

White Seneca, a Seneca Indian Chief, was raised to the 3rd degree on 5 June 1840 in Manhattan Lodge No. 62.

New Bern, North Carolina, is the smallest city in the USA yet it confers ALL the degrees in Freemasonry from EA through to the AASR, York rite and the Shrine

Bro. Sir Ernest Shackleton the British Antarctic explorer, died on his third expedition.

Bro. H Percy Silver, a Protestant Episcopal priest, was elected to Bishop three times but declined on each occasion.

Handel wrote the trumpet obligato in his “Messiah” for Valentine Snow, an English Sergeant trumpeter and member of the lodge that met at the Rainbow Coffee House in York Buildings in 1731.

John de Spoulee claimed to have presided over the Freemasons of England in 1350 during the reign of Edward III. Dr Anderson in his 1738 Constitutions states that he was called Master of the Ghiblim.

Count Alexandra V Suvorow was a Russian Field Marshall, born in Finland of Swedish parents. He won the Battle of Kinburn in the Russo-Turkish War of 1773-1774. He was a member of two Masonic lodges.

Vance Smith competed with General Tom Thumb for the title of world’s smallest Mason – at 26 years of age he was 26” tall and weighed 34 lbs.

Most Freemasons know that when the Grand Lodge of England was formed the four lodges present elected Antony Sayer, gentleman, as the first Grand Master, but who were the first two Grand Wardens? They were Jacob Lambeth, carpenter, and Capt. Joseph Elliot.

The 4th December is St Barbara’s Day, Patroness of architects and Builders.

When asked how he came to be a Mason, President McKinley explained:

“After the battle of Opequam, I went with the surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed them among the men. Boy-like I looked on in wonderment; I didn’t know what it all meant.. On the way back to camp I asked him:

‘Did you know those men or ever see them before?’

‘No,’ replied the doctor, ‘ I never saw them before.’

‘But’ I persisted, ‘You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?’

‘Well’ said the doctor, ‘ if they are able to pay me back, they will, but it makes no difference to me; they are my brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty’.

‘I said to myself, “If that is Masonry, I will take some of it myself.”

On the 17th April 1897, Leo Taxil appeared at the Hall of the Geographic Society in Paris and disclosed that ‘Diana Vaughn’ was a non-existent figment of his imagination and that all the stories that he had circulated about Freemasonry for the past 12 years had been fabrications. This announcement was followed by rioting which required the police to intervene to restore order.

When Bro. George C Barker became President General of the Methodist Church of Australia and President of the Australian Council of Churches he was at the same time the Grand Chaplain (1949-1951).

The Tom Thumb Golf Course, named after the famous Masonic Bro. General Tom Thumb, was the world’s first miniature gold course.

Bro King Gillette invented the safety razor in 1901 thus creating the Gillette shaving empire.

In 1732, Bro. Benjamin Franklin published 'Poor Richard's Almanac', an annual publication that became known for its wit and wisdom.

The only documented apron owned by George Washington was presented by the firm of Watson and Cassoul. It had been made by nuns at Nates. It was the only apron listed in Washington's inventory that was released after his death.

Although George Washington was never the Grand Master of any Grand Lodge, he acted as Grand Master when the corner stone of the Federal capitol was laid on 18 September 1793.

There is no such thing as a Masonic bible. The bibles handed out to candidates are simply bibles. Admittedly many have a concordance giving biblical citations with Masonic connotations and sometimes Masonic reference material.

In the infamous Buchenwald Concentration Camp in October 1944, the Masonic population reached close to 100. According to M Jattefaux, a French Freemason, the known Masons met daily.

Bro. Jean Sibelius donated all his original manuscripts of his Masonic music to Livingstone Masonic Library, Grand Lodge of New York.

Venezuela's independence was seized when Bro. Simon Bolivar defeated the Spanish royalists at the Battle of Carabobo on 24 June 1821

The earliest known record of the degree of Master Mason being conferred in a lodge is to be found in the Minutes, dated 29 January 1726, of Dumbarton Kilwinning Lodge No. 18.

An inspection of the George Washington bible on 22 February 2002 revealed it to contain a hand-written prayer of ancient days by an unknown author. This reads as follows:

*"O, God, Divine Architect of the Universe,
We bow with gratitude to Thy omnipotence.
We acknowledge Thee as the Creator and Preserver of all things.
We thank Thee for Thy daily blessings conferred on us
In all our undertakings,
More particularly, O God, we crave Thy presence at the meeting.
Do Thou preside over us in the spirit of Peace, Love and Charity,
And to Thy Holy Name be Power and Dominion. Forever.
Amen."*

33 of the Generals serving under Washington in the War for American Independence, were Freemasons.

In a letter to The Times of London, Rudyard Kipling stretched the facts of his acceptances as a Freemason to emphasise the bizarre mixture of the Anglo-Indian lodge where 'we met on the level'.

*"I was Entered by a member of the Brahmo Samaj (An Hindu),
Passed by a Mohammedan and Raised by an Englishman. Our
Tyler was an Indian Jew....Some of the brethren, who were
debarred by caste rules... sat over empty plates."*

Bro. Jack Dempsey, "The Manassa Mauler" lost his world heavy weight boxing title to Gene Tunney on 23 September 1926, seven years after he had won it.

The Mark Degree is recorded as early as 7 July 1778 in the Minutes of Lodge St John Operative No. 92.

In 1747 the Grand Lodge of Scotland issued the first charter to an overseas lodge situated at Aleppo in Syria.

Anagram verse written soon after 1600 and found at the beginning of three versions of the Old Charges (York MS No. 1 and 2 and Newcastle College MS).

*Much might be said of the noble art,
A craft that's worth esteeming in each part,
Sundry nations' nobles, and their kings also-
Oh, how they sought out worth to know!
Nimrod, and Solomon the wisest of all men,
Reason saw to love this science then.
I'll say no more, lest by my shallow verses I,
Endeavouring to praise, should blemish Masonrie.*

In July 1863, Confederate raiders rode into Versailles in Indiana and stole the local County treasury. The next day General John Morgan learned that the men had also stolen the jewels of the local Masonic lodge. They were returned the following day. General Morgan was a member of Daviess Lodge No. 22.

Missouri's first Confederate Capital was the Masonic building in Neosho.

When Mussolini gained control over Italy, Masonic lodges were declared illegal and the Grand Master was arrested, tried and imprisoned where he died.

In 1954, Martin's Station Lodge No. 188, held its meeting 952 feet below the surface of Cumberland Mountain in Cudjo's cave. 345 Masons were present.

Astronaut Gordon Cooper in his Mercury capsule, carried a Masonic coin and a blue Masonic flag on his 22 orbit flight. These he later presented to his Mother lodge.

In 1737 and 1779, two sailing ships operating off the US Eastern seaboard were named Freemason and Master Mason.

On 10 November 1928, the meeting of Grand Lodge of California to lay the corner stone of the Masonic Temple was so full that the Grand Lodge officers retired to the ladies' powder room to open the Grand Lodge for the ceremony.

In 1799 Barton Lodge in Upper Canada, accepted 'good merchantable wheat' in payment of lodge dues.

Bro. Dallas Stoudenmire, the Marshall of El Paso, was killed in a gun fight on 10 September 1882. He was a member of Lodge El Paso No. 130.

On 7 June 1921 in the Mystic Lodge No. 21 of Red Bank, New Jersey, was half way through a third degree ceremony when the electric power was shut off. The candidate, Bro. Lyman C Van, didn't receive the remainder of the degree for several weeks. It can be said, therefore, that for a time, he was a "two and a half" degree Mason.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, USA has elevators that move sideways.

During the American War of Independence, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts commanded the American forces at Bunker Hill whilst the Grand Master of England commanded the English forces. The Grand Master of Massachusetts was killed in the battle.

In the Spring of 1966 Bro. Dallas Coleman of Denison Lodge No. 373 in Kansas, was digging a pond when he came upon an overturned gravestone marked with a square and compasses. The subsequent research revealed that the gravestone was that of Bro. Henry Craig of Valley Falls Lodge No. 21 (1832-1862).

Bro. Charles de Witt Brower opened and operated the first whaling and trading post in Alaska at Point Barrow in 1889.

Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, was initiated on 7 August 1922. he died in 1961 – 39 years later – without receiving his second degree.

Between 1890 and 1951 every Governor of Wyoming was a Freemason with the exception of one, Mrs William A Ross who was nevertheless the wife of a Mason.

Angelo Soliman was born in Africa in 1721 but was brought to Europe as a slave at the age of 10. Sometime before 1771 he became a Freemason and a favourite at the court in Vienna. When he died in 1776, the Emperor had his body stuffed and mounted in the natural history museum. He thus became the first black of African birth to become a Freemason BUT also the only known Freemason to have been stuffed, mounted and displayed.

Bazil Gordon, a Scottish Freemason, is said to have been America's first millionaire.

The 2001 heritage Lottery Fund in England awarded £65700 to catalogue and conserve 1700 letters, 14700 Returns to Grand Lodge covering the history of Freemasonry from 1750 to 1820 and correspondence relating to leading figures in 18th century history, including the Prince of Wales (later King George IV).

Bro. Elias Wade Durand was a specialist in developing hybrid strawberries. He won a gold medal for horticulture in 1876 and 1885.

Anthony Fiala (1869-1950) took out a first mortgage bond to purchase the arctic in 1901. He was a member of Lodge Kane No. 454.

Bro. Maxwell Washburn (Maxie) Long won the 400 metre race in the 11th Olympic Games held in Paris, in a time of 49.4 seconds.

Bro. James Edward Blackmore of Lodge Century No. 100, invented the first movie camera in 1892.

Situated in Lake Metigoshe, between the borders of North Dakota and Manitoba, Canada is Masonic island. Set in the beautiful Turtle Mountains, rich in Indian legend, the island has been the site of international Masonic gatherings since 1906. The tree covered island has an open-air temple at its centre. The principal officers' chairs, pedestals and altar are constructed of native fieldstone and mortar.

Tolstoy's famous book 'War and Peace' includes many references to freemasonry including a detailed description of a Masonic initiation using the European ritual.

On 10 December 1902 Bro. Rudyard Kipling received the Nobel prize for literature.

Anderson presented his finished Book of Constitutions to the Grand Lodge of England on 27 December 1721, two full years before it was actually published.

Bro. Mozart composed 'Gesellenreise' – a fellowcraft's journey – when he was 12 years old. (Editor's note – how can it be explained how a 12 year old – genius or not – come by such Masonic knowledge?)

In Australia, six lodges are named after Lord Baden Powell who was the founder of the Boy Scout movement. He was Not a Freemason although his brother was.

The earliest military lodge was established by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in the 1st (British) regiment of Foot in 1732.

In 1810, Bro. Don Miguel Hidalgo, as parish priest, started the Mexican war.

In book VI of Mencius, a Chinese philosopher in 280 BC , comes the following:

*“A Master Mason in teaching his apprentices,
makes use of the compasses and the square.
You who are engaged in the pursuit of wisdom must also
make use of the compasses and square.”*

Tradition states that Freemasonry was introduced into Egypt according to the Rite of Memphis in 1798 by Napoleon, Kleber and other officers on the French army.

The famous drawing in sepia “the Raising of the Master” was drawn by the Italian artist Giovanni Francesco Guercino who died in 1665.

Bro. James Gorman a seaman in the Royal Navy Brigade during the Crimean War, which began on 28 March 1854, was one of the first recipients of the Victoria Cross.

The Boer War, fought in South Africa from 1899 to 1902, was caused by the desire of the Boers for independence and their dissatisfaction at the indecision of the British government. It began with the British defeat at the hands of General Piet Cronje at Magersfontein, but later Cronje surrendered to the British Commander in Chief, Field Marshall Roberts at Paardekraal. Both Generals were Freemasons.

In 1798 a John Brown published “The Master Key” through all three Masonic degrees. It was printed in code. He substituted the name BROWN for the vowels AEIOU.

The ‘Roberts MS’ is a 17th century copy of a very old document sold in pamphlet form in 1722 at sixpence a copy. As the first printed pamphlet for general sale on Freemasonry it preceded the first Book of Constitutions.

The first four lodges in London that formed the Grand Lodge of England didn’t have names. They were known after the tavern in which they met. The taverns where they met were :

The Goose and Gridiron Alehouse, St Paul’s Churchyard.
The Crown Ale House in Parker’s Lane near Drury Lane
The Apple Tree Tavern in Charles Street, Covent Garden
The Rummer and Grapes Tavern in Chancel Row, Westminster.

The word “hele” is contained in the expression “hele, conceal and never reveal” and is derived from the Saxon word meaning “hide”. The three words are almost synonymous terms and the presentation of this very old word in a Masonic sense is an indication of the antiquity of the Order.

Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia, worked incognito in shipyards in the Netherlands and England, learning the ways of Western Europe. Whilst in London he joined a Masonic lodge.

The largest Masonic meeting ever held was on 8 August 1925. The Grand Master – the Duke of Connaught – was present as was the Prince of Wales (later to become King Edward VIII) the Duke of York (Later to become King George VI). The tables were extended for a total of 5 miles. The guests were served by 1300 waitresses. The meal included 600 pairs of best end of lamb, 3000 lbs of salmon, 1500 chickens, 250 gallons of ice cream. The cost was £826 014 11/6d which went to the cost of the new building that opened in 1933.

In 1766 CF Koppen founded an association in Berlin known as the African Builders (or architects). Special Masonic qualifications were required of the members.

The first anti-Masonic document to be published was a leaflet in 1698. The author’s name was given as Mr Winter.

Here is a letter written by Bro. Mozart to his father on learning of his father's serious ailment.

Dated 22 April 1787

Dear father,

I have this moment heard tidings which distress me exceedingly And the more so that your last letter led me to suppose you were so well. But I now hear you are really ill. I need not say how anxiously I shall long for a better report of you to comfort me, and I do hope to receive it, though I am always prone to anticipate the worst. As death (when closely considered) is the true goal of our life, I have made myself so thoroughly acquainted with this good and faithful friend of man, that not only has its image no longer anything alarming to me, but rather something most peaceful and consolatory; and I thank my heavenly Father that He has vouchsafed to grant me happiness, and has given me the opportunity (you understand me) to learn that it is the key to our true felicity. I never lie down at night without thinking (young as I am) I may be no more before the next morning dawns. And yet not one of all those who know me can say that I ever was morose or melancholy in my intercourse with them. I daily thank my Creator for such a happy frame of mind, and wish from my heart that every one of my fellow-creatures may enjoy the same."

----- From The Letters of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart,
translated from the collection of Ludwig Nohl, by Lady Wallace, Boston, 1864 pp. 221-222.

The first Grand Master Antony Sayer, ended his days in somewhat humble circumstances, his last Masonic office being that of Tyler of his local lodge.

Adventurer, Bro. William G Walker, took over by force as Head of government of Nicaragua. He was subsequently caught and shot on 12 September 1860.

Elias Ashmole was made a Mason on 1 October 1646 in Warrington. Having fought for Charles I in the civil war he had been captured in late 1646 and at the time of his initiation he must have been a prisoner of the Round Heads. His diary which is the only evidence of his initiation is strangely silent on this point.

"4:30 p.m. I was made a Freemason at Warrington in Lancashire with Col. Henry Mainwaring of Karicham in Cheshire. The names of those that were then of the lodge; Mr Rich Penket Warden, Mr James Collins, Mr Rich:Sankey, Henry Liltter, John Ellam, Rich Ellam and Hugh Brewer."

Readers are directed to the entry about Ashmole on page 31 hereof. Ashmole's diary is silent on Freemasonry until nearly 36 years later when two references appear viz. 1 March 1682 and 11 March 1682.

Bro. and Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in 1719 was at the age of 2 years, smuggled out of France by his parents, by hiding in a barrel containing linen.

The Duke of Wharton, Grand Master in 1722, was expelled from the Order 2 years later, when he formed the anti-Masonic society known as the Gormogons.

The two great songs that became anthems of international revolution, The Marseillaise and L'Internationale were both written by Freemasons, namely Bro. Rouget de Lisle in 1791 and Bro. Eugene Pottier in 1872.

The Emperor of Austria, Joseph II issued an edict on 11 December 1785 which was hand written, restricting Masonic activities to one lodge per Province excluding the 3 capitals namely Vienna, Budapest and Prague.

William Robert Ray (The Rev. Canon WRR) OBE BA Thi FACE, was the only man of the cloth to be elected Grand Master in South Australia (1964-1972).

The Grand Master at the time of the above event was Prince Joachim Murat, the son of Napoleon's Marshall, King of Naples and a close associate of Louis Napoleon. The Grand Master elected by a vote of 139 to 120 who was about to take his place was Prince Napoleon, Napoleon III's cousin and son of Napoleon Bonaparte, King of Westphalia.

Japanese diplomat, Bro. Count Tadasu Hayashi, negotiated a renewal of the British-Japanese Treaty in 1905.

In 1940 the Germans invaded Norway and entrusted the government to a Major Vidkun Quisling (his name gave rise to a new word in the English language, meaning traitor). He was an avowed anti-Mason with a deep hatred for the Craft. After the war he was put in trial for treason in a building formerly used as a Masonic Temple.

Manockjee Cursetjee became the first and only member of a lodge in Bombay which was founded for him by the PGM of West India on 15 December 1843.

On 3rd February 1751 a rival Grand Lodge was organised at the Griffin Tavern in Hoburn, London and the following year became known as the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

The evidence of Elias Ashmole's initiation into Freemasonry is an entry in his diary. On the 16th October 1646 the following entry appeared.

Of King George III's sons, only one namely Adolphus, Duke of Cambridge, was NOT a Freemason.

Irish born Masonic Bro. James Hoban built the White House and then, after the British had burnt it in the war of 1812, he re-built it. He was a very active Freemason.

On 20 May 1861 the Assembly of the Grand Orient of France that was to elect a new Grand Master, were ejected by the police from the hall on the grounds that "the election of a Grand Master of the Masonic Order is giving rise to an agitation of a nature which compromises public safety. All Freemasons are forbidden to meet for the purpose of electing a Grand Master before the end of next October."

In 1996 the Quarry Rite began. It is held by Lodge Moosip near to or on the Autumnal equinox. After the regular lodge is closed, candidates for initiation are taken to a remote quarry site where labour is resumed at sunset (around 7 p.m.). 15 oil burning torches light up the scene.

The polycronicon, the historical contents of which were used by Anderson in his 1717 Constitutions, was written by a monk named Ranulf Highen, based in Chester.

The Oddfellows are not a Masonic Order but their principles are similar.

Le Droit Humain is an international Order of co-Masonry.

General and Dr. Joseph Warren, John Hancock and Paul Revere were all members of the Lodge of St Andrew which purchased in 1764 "The Green Dragon Tavern" as a meeting place.

The "Green Dragon Tavern" the meeting place of many early lodges has been referred to as the Headquarters of the American Revolution.

There were 16 Freemasons that became US Presidents. The generally unknown 16th President was Bro. David R Atchison who served as ex-officio President for one day on 4 March 1949, only because President Zachary S Taylor could not be sworn in until 5th March.

In 1940 the USA Presidential candidates were:

DEMOCRATIC TICKET - Bro. Franklin D Roosevelt and as his Vice-President Bro. Henry A Wallace.

REPUBLIC TICKET - Bro. Wendell L Wilkie and as his Vice-President Bro. Charles L McNary.

In 1944 the opposing teams were as follows:

DEMOCRATIC TICKET - Bro. F D Roosevelt and running mate Bro. Harry S Truman

REPUBLIC TICKET - Bro. Thomas E Dewey and running mate Bro. John W Bricker.

In August 2002 the Kaibab Lodge No. 25, in Salt Lake City raised a member in the Kaibab Forest in Arizona. This ceremony was first performed by the lodge on 26 July 1926.

The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) only began taking written Minutes from the 25 November 1723.

It is a peculiar fact of Bro. Rudyard Kipling's raising that he took the Minutes of his own Raising, as Acting Secretary of the Lodge. There were 24 members of the lodge present, some of whom are recorded in Kipling's poem 'The Mother Lodge'.

Bro. Danny Thomas, world famous comedian, became a Mason as a result of personal experience of the Burns Hospital provided by the Shriners.

The ledger of St John's Lodge in Philadelphia is the oldest Masonic document in the Western Hemisphere.

Br. Paul Revere was actually the son of a French nobleman, Rivoire de Romagneu.

The first Master of the first chartered lodge in Canada (1740) His Excellency Edward Cornwallis, was the uncle of Lord Cornwallis who surrendered to George Washington.

The first Masonic Temple to be built in America was situated on Lodge Alley in Philadelphia in 1784 (near second and Chestnut Streets).

Prior to the introduction of speculative Freemasonry, the operative Masons went by various names i.e. Travelling Masons in Italy; Mestrice des Macons in Gaul; Steinmetzen in Germany; guilds in England and companies in Scotland.

Over 3000 degrees or rites claiming to be Masonic or analogous thereto, were invented or fabricated in the first century after the Masonic revival in 1717.

The Pestle and Mortar degree was a farcical degree to which only physicians were eligible to join. It is now obsolete.

The popularity of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients was increased by the introduction of a 4th degree. This degree is now known to the fraternity as The Royal Arch.

"Dodd's Constitutions" is a 20 page publication entitled 'The beginning and the first foundation of the Most worthy Craft of Masonry, etc. by a deceased brother for the benefit of his widow. Printed in London 1739 for Mrs Dodd at the Peacock without Temple Bar. Price sixpence.'

The Sloane Manuscript, first published in the *Gentleman's Magazine* in 1753, page 417, claims to be a reprint of an earlier publication printed in Frankfurt in 1748.

The Sloane Manuscript claims to be a series of questions propounded by Henry VI and the replies given by Masons.

The Goose and Gridiron Ale House was demolished in 1894.

The Northernmost lodge in the USA is situated in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The records of the Masons' Company of London date back to 1620 although the company was established around 1200.

The earliest Masonic magazine was published in Leipzig, in 1738. It was called *Der Freymaurer*.

Ludwig Greinermann was a Dominican monk who, in 1779, tried to prove that the Jews who crucified Christ were Freemasons; that Pilate and Herod were Wardens in a Masonic lodge and that Judas Iscariot became a Mason just before his betrayal of Christ.

When Lord Carnarvon's party opened the sarcophagus of King Tut on 3 January 1924 they found the mummy to be wearing what has been described as a Masonic apron.

Many of the old Masonic legends are attributed to the *polychronicon*, a Latin chronicle written about 1350.

The Roman Eagle Lodge in Edinburgh did all its work in the Latin language.

Bro. Joseph Fouché was Minister of Police in the days of Napoleon and Louis XVIII.

Recognition of the Grand Orient of France was dropped by just about every Grand Lodge in the world in 1877 when the Grand Orient removed the Bible from its lodge altars and erased from its rituals all references to the Deity.

The German *steinmetzen* did not permit labourers in the following trades to become members as these occupations were considered not sufficiently honourable: bath attendant, barber, grave digger, trumpeter, herdsman, watchman and headsman.

'Scold Miserables' were critics of Freemasonry who formed a loose organisation to satirise Masonic parades which, in the 18th century, were grand affairs.

During the "Morgan" affair in the USA, when most lodges 'went dark' the only lodge that never missed a Grand Lodge Communication was Trenton Lodge No. 5.

Not all the Italian lodges disbanded after Pope Clement XII issued the Bull against Freemasonry. Many lodges continued secretly and called themselves *Xerophagists*.

Lord Petre, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in 1772, was one of the most prominent Roman Catholics in England and was even present at a Grand Lodge meeting as late as 24 November 1791.

The city of Sandusky in Ohio was originally laid out on Masonic symbols. The surveyor who laid out the city in 1816 was Master of Science Lodge No. 50, and he laid out the city with Huron and Central Avenues as the arms of the compasses and Elm & Poplar Streets the sides of the square.

The Lodge of Scoon and Perth has a parchment dated 1658 affirming that James VI by his own desire had been entered Freeman, Mason and Fellow craft.

In 1670 it was ordained in Aberdeen by laws and statutes that certain privileged persons were to receive the benefit of the Mason's Word, free of all dues save 'box, mark, banquet and point of wine'.

In 1825 a lodge in Granada was raided and seven Master Masons present were hanged and a newly initiated EA was sent to the galleys for five years.

One of the most distinguished literary names in French Freemasonry Jean Marie Ragon was actually born in Belgium.

The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey are a Masonic degree team which specialises in conferring the third degree in full Scottish highland dress.

The No. 65 St Rooks Hill Lodge, a few miles from Chichester, is dated 1730 on the register of lodges, used to meet once a year only.

Proctorville Lodge No. 550 holds its meetings in a clearing in the woods. The officers sit on stumps, the altar is a large stump, the wands and gavels are made from local woods. The festive board is cooked on site, usually a pig on a spit.

The Grand Lodge of Instruction is an Irish body appointed with the sole purpose of purity and development of the Irish Masonic ritual.

Extract from the official journal of the Province of Essex, Spring 2002.

“42 lady Freemasons attended the first meeting of Nore Light Lodge No. 35 at the Rochford Masonic Hall on the 7th November 2001. The lodge under the Mastership of Wor. Bro. Alice Carrington and complying totally with all requirements of Grand Lodge, initiated two new candidates bringing its Membership to 64”.

FREEMASONS WHO HAVE WON NOBEL PRIZES

1947	Physics	Sir Edward Appleton
1953	Peace	George C Rossdall
1953	Literature	Sir Winston Churchill
1945	Medicine & Physics	Sir Alexander Fleming
1929	Medicine & Physics	Sir Fred Hopkins
1926	Peace	Gustav Streseman
1913	Medicine & Physics	Charles Richet
1909	Chemistry	Wilhelm Ostwald
1907	Literature	Rudyard Kipling
1907	Physics	Albert Michelson
1906	Peace	Theo Roos
1901	Peace (First time)	J H Dunant

FAMOUS AMERICAN INDIAN FREEMASONS

Joseph Clark – Rear Admiral and hero.
 George Copway – Ojibwe leader and literary figure
 Crazy Bull – Great grandson of Sitting Bull
 Philip DeLoria – Sioux leader and Episcopal priest.
 Vine DeLoria – Episcopal priest
 George Washington Finley – Leader of the Piankeshas
 Sam Gavin – Leader of the Choctaw Nation
 Robert Jones – Merchant and leader among the Choctaw
 John Jumper – Leader of Seminole Nation & Baptist Minister
 John Konkapot – Son of Chief of Oneida, revolutionary war hero
 Basil La Flore – Leader of the Choctaw Nation
 Lewis Deer – Mohawk Performer
 Alexander McGillivray – Leader of the Muscogee
 Carlos Montezuma – Leader of the Yavapai
 Amos Oneroad – Leader of the Sioux and Presbyterian Minister
 Louis Annance – Leader of Alnombak People, Abenaki Nation
 Nicodemus Bailey – Leader of the Tonawanda-Seneca
 Louis Bennett – Track Star
 Elias C Boudinot – Leader of the Southern Cherokee, civil war
 William Augustus Bowles – Adopted leader of the Muskogee
 Confederation and Grand Master of the Five Nations.
 Joseph Brant – Leader of the Kanienkchaka (Mohawk)
 Samuel Checote – Leader of the Muskogee People
 Arthur C Parker – Scientist, scholar and literary figure Ely S.
 Parker
 Peter Pitchlyn – Leader of the Choctaw Nation
 Opothie Yahola – Leader of Muskogee Nation & civil war hero
 Pushmataha – Leader of the Choctaw nation
 Red Jacket – Seneca leader, leader of Six Nations of Iroquois
 John Ridge – Leader of the Cherokee Nation
 Will Rogers – An American legend
 John Ross – Cherokee leader
 William P Ross – Cherokee leader
 George W Stidham – Leader of the Muskogee

N T Strong – Leader of the Seneca Nation
 Tecumseh – Shawnee Leader
 Charles Tyndall jnr – Representative of Omaha Nation to the
 Indian Service Bureau
 David Vann – Cherokee leader
 Stand Watie – Cherokee leader, The last Confederate General to
 surrender.
 John Wautuquant – Leader of the Mohican

**LIST OF ENGLISH GUILDS
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| 1. Mercers | 32. Inn Olders |
| 2. Grocers | 33. Founders |
| 3. Drapers | 34. Poulters |
| 4. Fishmongers | 35. Cooks |
| 5. Goldsmiths | 36. Coopers |
| 6. Merchant tailors | 37. Tylers and Bricklayers |
| 7. Skinners | 38. Bowyers |
| 8. Haberdashers | 39. Fletchers |
| 9. Salters | 40. Blacksmiths |
| 10. Ironmongers | 41. Joiners |
| 11. Vintners | 42. Weavers |
| 12. Cloth workers | 43. Woolmen |
| 13. Dyers | 44. Scriveners |
| 14. Brewers | 45. Fruiterers |
| 15. Leather sellers | 46. Plaisterers |
| 16. Pewterers | 47. Stationers and |
| 17. Barbers | newspaper makers |
| 18. Cutlers | 48. Broderers |
| 19. Bakers | 49. Upholders |
| 20. Wax Chandlers | 50. Musicians |
| 21. Tallow Chandlers | 51. Turners |
| 22. Armourers and | 52. Basketmakers |
| braziers | 53. Glaziers |
| 23. Girdlers | 54. Horners |
| 24. Butchers | 55. Farraiers |
| 25. Saddlers | 56. Paviers |
| 26. Carpenters | 57. Loriners |
| 27. Cord wainers | 58. Apothecaries |
| 28. Painter-stainers | 59. Shipwrights |
| 29. Curriers | 60. Spectacle Makers |
| 30. MASONS | 61. Clock Makers |
| 31. Plumbers | 62. Glovers |

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| 63. Felt makers | 79. Solicitors |
| 64. Framework Knitters | 80. Farmers |
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| 66. Gardeners | navigators |
| 67. Tinsplate workers | 82. Tobacco pipe makers |
| 68. Wheel Wrights | and tobacco blenders |
| 69. Distillers | 83. Furniture makers |
| 70. Pattern Makers | 84. Scientific instrument |
| 71. Glass Sellers | makers |
| 72. Coach makers and | 85. Chartered surveyors |
| coach harness makers | 86. Chartered Accountants |
| 73. Gun Makers | 87. Chartered secretaries |
| 74. Gold and silver wire | and administrators |
| drawers | 88. Builders Merchants |
| 75. Playing Card Makers | 89. Launderers |
| 76. Fan Makers | 90. Marketers |
| 77. Carmen | 91. Actuaries |
| 78. Master Mariners | 92. Insurers |

MASONIC QUOTES FROM SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS

It is said that Shakespeare was not a Freemason. However, when he wrote his plays in the early 1500's, Freemasonry was relatively unknown and the majority of people were illiterate being unable to read or write. Under these conditions it is probably likely that the average member of the public knew absolutely nothing about Freemasonry. If any aspect of the Craft appeared in a book or, as in this case, in a play the author could only have got that information first hand as no doubt a member himself. The following quotes from the Shakespearian plays are a direct reference to Freemasonry. If Shakespeare was not a Mason how did he come by this knowledge? On the other hand if there is any truth in the evidence to suggest that the real author was in fact Sir Francis Bacon (Francis Tudor) then there is no problem as he **was** a Freemason. Judge for yourselves.

"Nowwhence came you"

Merry Wives of Windsor- Act 4. Sc.5"Let's part the word"

Loves Labour Lost- Act 4. Sc. 2

"The singing Masons building roofs of gold"

Henry V, At 1. Sc. 4

"You made good work, you and your apron men".

Cariolanus Act 4. Sc. 6

"Where is thy leathern apron and thy rule?"

Julius Ceasar – Act 1 Sc. 1

"I will, as 'twere a Brother of your Order".

Measure for Measure – Act. 1 Sc. 4

"Guard the door without. Let him not pass."

Othello – Act 1 Sc 4

"They never meet, but they do square"

A Midsummer Night's Dream – Act 2 Sc. 1

FREEMASONRY IN CULTURE

The following is a list of books, movies and other cultural outlets in which Freemasonry or Masonic events or symbols are mentioned or appear. The musical works of our famous composer brethren are not referred to as these are not only numerous but are relatively well-known. Please refer to the early book I compiled on Masonic Dates and events in History for some additional information. This list is inspired by the chart prepared by Bro. Paul M Bessell of the Masonic Leadership Center at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. The list is by no means exhaustive

MOVIES

End of Days	Erin Brockowich	First Knight
From Hell	True Grit	The Lion King
Rosewood	Like Water for Chocolate	Magnolia
Mad Max – Beyond Thunderdome	The Man Who Would be King	
Robin Hood (Errol Flynn Version)	Murder by Decree	
The League of extraordinary Gentlemen	Tombstone	

TV SHOWS

Inspector Morse Mysteries	In the Heat of the Night
The Simpsons	Milenium Newsradio

BOOKS

In the Interests of the Brethren	The Man who would be King
A Farewell to Arms	The Cork of Amontillado
Two Crowns for America	War and Peace
Various Sherlock Holmes stories	

EARLY MASONIC DOCUMENTS

<u>Manuscript Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where Held</u>
Halliwell or Regius	Late 14 th Century	British Museum
Cooke	Early 15 th Century	British Museum
Grand Lodge MS No. 1	1593	UGLE
Lansdowne No. 98 Art 48	Early 17 th Cent.	British Museum
York No. 1	1 st half of 17 th Cent.	York Lodge No. 236
Phillips No. 1	1 st half of 17 th Cent.	The Rev. J E Fenwick
Phillips No. 2	1 st half of 17 th Cent.	The Rev. J E Fenwick
Wood	1610	Worcester Masonic Library
Sloane MS 3848	1646	British Museum
Sloane MS 3323	1659	British Museum
Harleian MS 2054	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	British Museum
Grand Lodge MS. No.2	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	UGLE
(Also known as Randel Holme's MS)		
Harleian MS 1942	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	British Museum
Lechmere	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	Worcester Masonic Lib.
Buchanan	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	UGLE
Kilwinning	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	Mother Kilwinning No. 0
Ancient Stirling	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	Ancient Stirling No. 30
Atcheson Haven	1666	Grand Lodge of Scotland
Aberdeen	1670	Aberdeen Lodge No. 1
Melrose No. 2	1670	Melrose Lodge No. 1
Stanley	1677	West Yorkshire Masonic Lib.
Carson	1677	E T Carson, Cincinatti, USA
William Watson	1687	West Yorkshire Masonic Lib.
Thomas W Tew	2 nd half of 17 th century	West Yorkshire Masonic Lib.
Inigo Jones	2 nd half of 17 th century	Worcester Masonic Lib.
Antiquity	1686	Lodge of Antiquity No. 2
Colonel Clarke	1686	UGLE
Embleton	2 nd half of 17 th century	West Yorkshire Masonic Lib.
???Waistell	1693	West Yorkshire Masonic Lib.
York MS No. 4	1693	York Lodge No. 236
Hope	2 nd half of 17 th century	Lodge of Hope No. 302
York MS No.5	2 nd half of 17 th century	York Lodge No. 236
York MS No. 6	2 nd half of 17 th century	York Lodge No. 236
Colne No. 1	2 nd half of 17 th century	Colne Lodge No. 116

Clapham	2 nd half of 17 th century	West Yorkshire Masonic Lib.
Dunfries Kilwinning No. 1	2 nd half of 17 th century	
Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge No. 55 (DK Lodge #55)		
Hugham	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	West Yorkshire Masonic Lib.
Dauntesy	2 nd half of 17 th Cent.	R Dauntesy-Manchester UK
Dumfries Kilwinning No. 2	2 nd half of 17 th century	D K Lodge No. 55
Dumfries Kilwinning No. 3	2 nd half of 17 th century	D K Lodge No. 55
Harris No. 1	2 nd half of 17 th century	Bedford Lodge No. 157
Alnwick	1701	Alderman Robertson-Alnwick
Dumfries Kilwinning No. 4	1 st half of 18 th century	D K Lodge No. 55
York MS No. 2	1704	York Lodge No. 236
Scarborough	1705	Grand Lodge of Canada
Colne No. 2	1 st half of 18 th Cent.	Royal Lancashire Lodge No. 116
Papworth	1 st half of 18 th century	Wyatt Papworth, London
Cama	1 st half of 18 th century	Quatuor Coronati Lib. 2076
Phillips No. 3	1 st half of 18 th century	J E A Fenwick, Cheltenham
Haddon	1723	J S Haddon, Wellington
Spencer	1726	E T Carson, Cincinatti
Woodford	1728	Quatuor Coronati Lib. 2076
Supreme Council	1728	Supreme Council 33 ^o - London
Gateshead	1 st half of 18 th century	Lodge of Industry No. 48
Rawlinson	1 st half of 18 th century	Bodleian Library – Oxford
Probity	1 st half of 18 th century	Probity Lodge No. 61
Thistle Lodge MS	1756	Lodge No. 62 – Dumfries
Melrose No. 3	1762	Melrose Lodge No. 1
Crane No. 1	1781	Cestrian Lodge No. 425
Crane No. 2 (fragment)	1781	Cestrian Lodge No. 425
Wren	2 nd half of 18 th century	Unknown
(Missing since Woodforth's death)		
Harris No. 2	2 nd half of 18 th century	British Museum (
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