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Jonathan Swift



This stamp is a good representation of this unusual Brother. Hardly a schoolboy up to the 1950s did not gaze with wonder at images like that seen below. I think Swift would have been very entertaining at Lodge meetings.



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Jonathan Swift (1667–1745), Anglo-Irish satirist, essayist, political pamphleteer (first for the Whigs, then for the Tories), poet and cleric who became Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Ireland. Swift is remembered for works such as *Gulliver's Travels*, *A Modest Proposal*, *A Journal to Stella*, *Drapier's Letters*, *The Battle of the Books*, *An Argument Against Abolishing Christianity* and *A Tale of a Tub*. He is regarded by the *Encyclopædia Britannica* as the foremost prose satirist in the English language, but is less well known for his poetry. He originally published all of his works under pseudonyms—such as Lemuel Gulliver, Isaac Bickerstaff, M.B. Drapier—or anonymously. He is also known for being a master of two styles of satire, the Horatian and Juvenalian styles.

Masonic Reference – from MP Vol. 24, No. 9, May 1968, page 8, article by Marshall S. Loke:

Swift was a member of Lodge No. 16, which met at a tavern known as Goat at the Foot of the Haymarket, in London. He was active during the years 1728–1745 (when he died).

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