

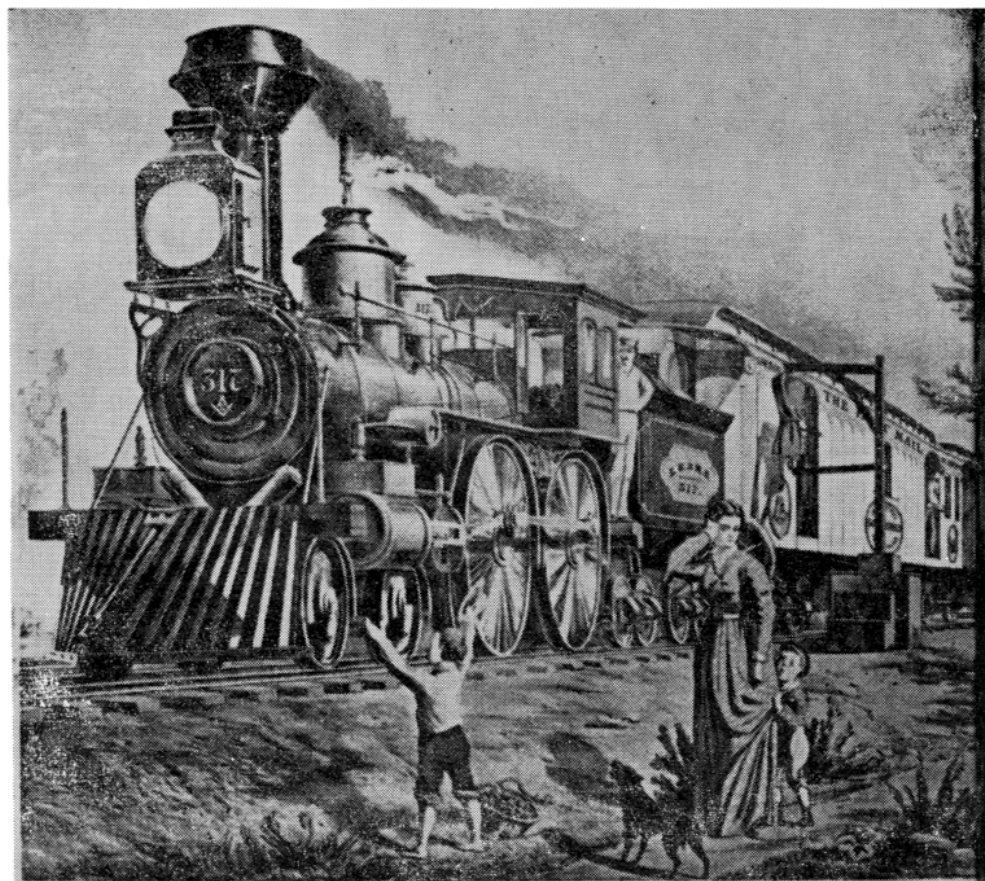


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The FLIGHT of the FAST MAIL on the
LAKE SHORE and MICHIGAN SOUTHERN

Engine 317 of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern fast mail train carried the Masonic emblem on its front, as shown. (See page 4)

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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Every Month
(Except July and August)

COLLECTORS CLUB BUILDING
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By the Sign of the Gavel

December 8th was set aside by the Masonic Stamp Club as a Dutch Treat Dinner and Swap Night at the German Masonic Temple. Despite the inclement weather, there was a good turn out and a wonderful time was had by all. It was certainly a good feeling to break bread with so many brothers, which will have to be done again in the future.

I would be remiss if I didn't express my thanks to Stan Salomon, who made the excellent arrangements for the night.

I am happy to report that our Guest Editor has received some articles from the members and I hope that this trend will continue so that your magazine may be as interesting and informative as possible. Share your philatelic knowledge with others—write an article. Send your articles to me since we will shortly have a new regular editor.

Robert A. Smith

MANY THANKS

The Masonic Philatelist, it appears, is to have a new "full" editor, which is good. Producing the past four issues has been interesting, but there have been just so many hours in each day, and therefore the magazine's schedule has suffered. This has been the fault of the guest editor. Club officers have been very helpful, and so has the staff at Albany, Oregon.

The new editor is entitled to support from ALL members. Articles, even short ones, help a great deal. And leads for future articles are always valuable.

Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.

HOME RESIDENTS BUSY

A clipping from a Utica newspaper reports that residents of the Masonic Home, in that city, make quilts and dolls at its arts and crafts department. Many of the creations go to children's hospitals.

LONDON MASTER

Georges Korel of the Stamp Shop, Irving Street, Leicester Square, London, has become Master of his Masonic Lodge, according to the Philatelic Trader.

Horatio Herbert – EARL KITCHENER

By Robert A. Smith

Probably no Freemason depicted on stamps had a wider Masonic connection than Right Worshipful Earl Kitchener of Khartoum (1850-1916).

While serving on the staff in Egypt under Sir Evelyn Wood, Captain H. H. Kitchener was initiated into Freemasonry in La Concordia Lodge No. 1226, E.C., Cairo, in 1883. He returned to England after the unsuccessful attempt to rescue Gen. Charles George "Chinese" Gordon, and in 1885 became a founding member of Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, E.C.

Later he returned again to Egypt and there joined Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, E.C. in Cairo. In 1890 he became a member of another Cairo Lodge—Grecia, No. 1195, E.C., over which he presided as Worshipful Master for two years. It was during this period that he was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in Bulwer Chapter, No. 1068, E.C., in Cairo.

At the time he was appointed Sirdar in 1892, he became a founding member and honorary Worshipful Master of Fatieh Lodge in 1895, and was appointed Past Grand Senior Warden of Egypt from 1899 to 1901.

He was also installed M.E.Z. of Star of the East Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1355, E.C., Cairo, and later Past Grand Third Principal of Egypt. In 1897 he was appointed Past Grand Senior Warden of England, and Past Grand Scribe N. of the Royal Arch Chapter of England.

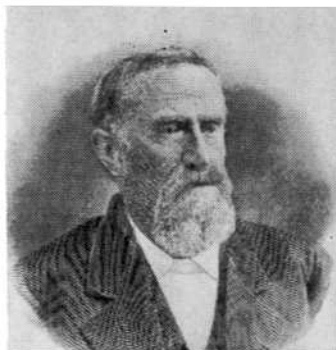
At Khartoum, after his victory at Omdurman, he held a solemn service to the memory of General Gordon.

Raised to the peerage on his return to England, he was entertained at a luncheon given in his honor by Drury Lane Lodge, and when he returned to Egypt as Governor-General of the Sudan he was appointed District Grand Master of Egypt and the Sudan.

After the South African War of 1899-1902, Lord Kitchener was appointed Commander-in-Chief of India, where he joined Himalayan Brotherhood Lodge No. 459, E.C., Simla, and became a founder of Kitchener Lodge No. 2998, E.C., while District Grand Master of the Punjab.

Right Worshipful Brother Earl Kitchener was drowned in the sinking of H.M.S. Hampshire on June 5, 1916. He is shown on Sudan No's. 58 and 59 (Scott), standing in front of the troops facing the four chaplains who conducted the memorial service for Gen. Gordon at Khartoum following the victory at Omdurman.

Dr. Andrew T. Still



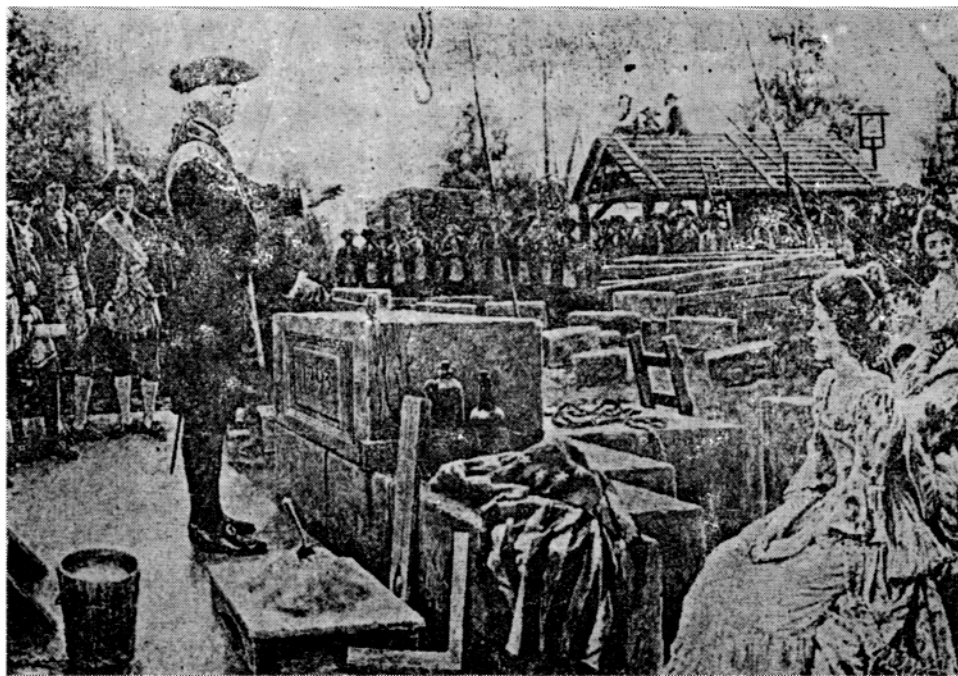
October 9, 1972 the United States Postal Service issued a stamp to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Osteopathic Medicine to coincide with the convention of the American Osteopathic Association.

Osteopathy, a healing art that began in America, was founded by Dr. Andrew T. Still 75 years ago. He was a Civil War physician who became dissatisfied with the medical methods of the day and who later was to found the first college for the new treatment technique at Kirksville, Mo., in 1892.

Dr. Still was raised in Palmyra Lodge No. 23, Baldwin, Kansas, on July 1, 1868. His likeness appeared on the Osteopathic Medicine Panel produced by the Postal Service.

Robert A. Smith

WASHINGTON, THE MASON



The American Legion Magazine of August, 1965 (pp. 19) contained an illustration showing President George Washington, wearing Masonic regalia and using a silver trowel, laying the Capitol's cornerstone September 18, 1793.

175th ANNIVERSARY MEDALS

The Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons, was to release a medal to commemorate the 175th anniversary of its founding on March 1. The 1½-inch high relief medals will be struck in sterling silver and bronze, and will be presented to persons making contributions to the organization's charitable program.

Each contributor who sends at least \$4 will receive a bronze medal. Those who contribute \$12 or more will receive serially numbered silver medals.

The first 10 serially numbered medals will be reserved for the highest bidders. There is a deadline of March 15 for the silver medal orders, which should go to William G. Peacher, New York Medal, 600 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York 13202.

ENGINE 317

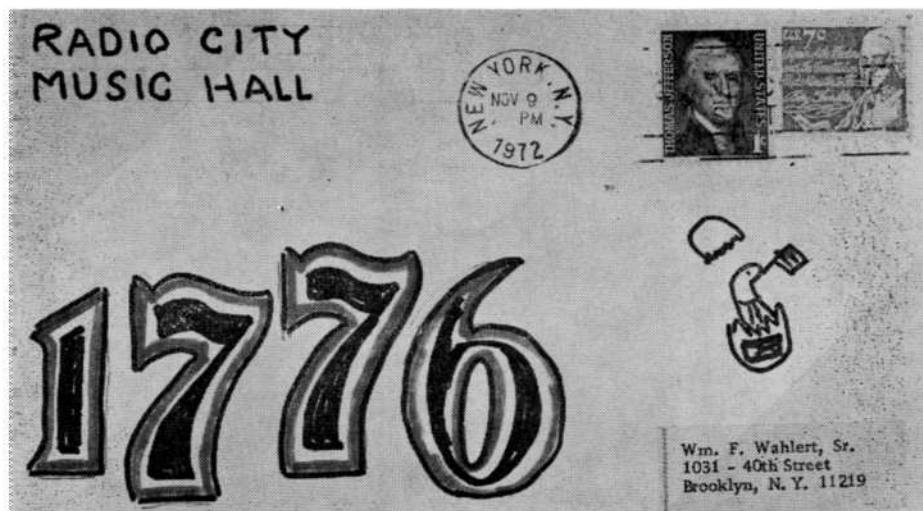
The Smithsonian Institution's recently-opened Hall of Stamps and the Mails in the National Museum of History and Technology, in Washington, includes a print showing "The Mail Carrier of 100 Years Ago."

A sub-title reads: "The Flight of the Fast Mail on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern," and the print shows the train passing through about to hook aboard a sack of mail.

What is especially interesting about the print, and the train, is that the Square and Compass appears on a plate at the front of the engine, beneath its number.

Apparently the engine was in the nature of a personal responsibility of the engineer—it was his "baby." Thus engineers could decorate their engine as they chose, and the engineer on "317" was obviously a dedicated Mason.

Masons Portrayed in "1776" Show



Cover with hand-drawn cachet, canceled Nov. 9, 1972—the opening night of the show at Radio City Music Hall.

"1776"

The great Show at New York's famous Radio City Music Hall has been "1776". A thrilling and exhilarating film about the birth of our nation with the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

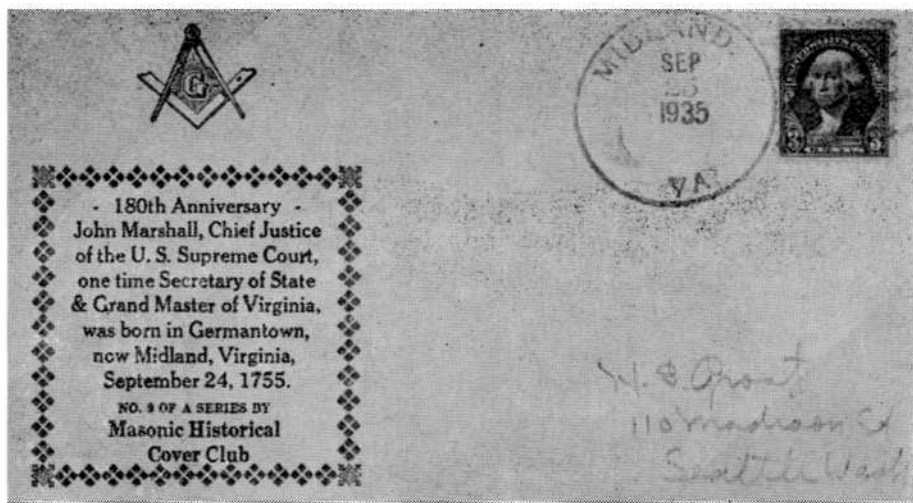
The motion picture stars the following cast in major roles:

William Daniels	John Adams
Howard DaSilva	Benjamin Franklin
Ken Howard	Thomas Jefferson
Blythe Danner	Martha Jefferson
Ronald Holgate	Richard Henry Lee
Virginia Vestoff	Abigail Adams

These include just a few of the famous "Signers" who are portrayed in this film. Masonic Signers of the Declaration of Independence:

John Hancock	Richard Stockton
Benjamin Franklin	Robert Treat Paine
Robert R. Livingston	William Whipple
Roger Sherman	Mathew Thornton
Richard Henry Lee	Thomas McKean
Josiah Bartlett	John Hart
William Ellery	John Witherspoon
Lyman Hall	John Penn
Joseph Hewes	George Walton
Elbridge Gerry	William Hooper
Stephen Hopkins	Francis Lightfoot Lee
Philip Livingston	Thomas Nelson, Jr.
Oliver Walcott	

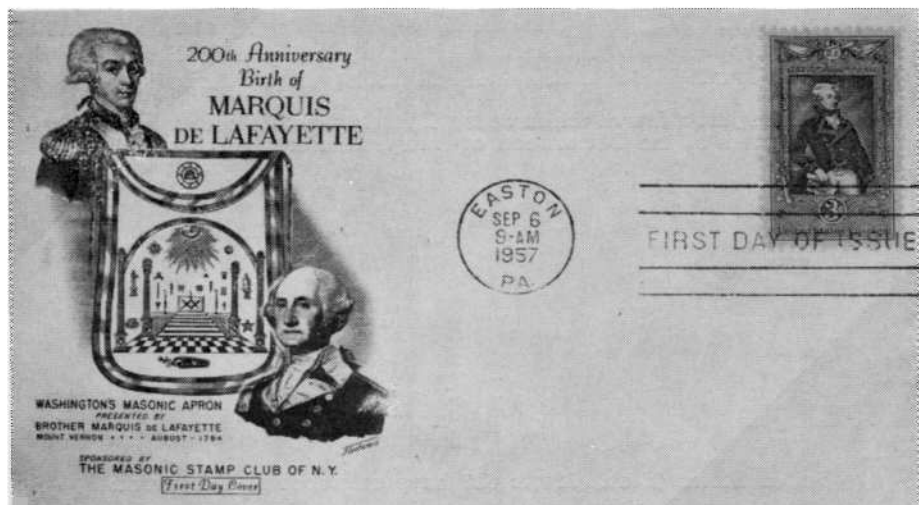
United States (Scott) 120 & 627 have reference to this event.



**M A S O N I C
CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT**

1. Oliver Ellsworth: St. John's Lodge, Princeton, N. J. (Charter Member).
2. John Marshall: Richmond Lodge #10; Grand Master, Virginia 1793-95. U.S. Stamp #1050.
3. William Howard Taft: Kilwinning Lodge #356, Ohio. U.S. Stamps #685, 687, 831; Panama Stamp #C55.
4. Frederick M. Vinson: Apperson Lodge #195, Kentucky.
5. Earl Warren: Sequoia Lodge #349; Grand Master, California 1935-36. Liberia Stamp #447.

The United States stamp #991, depicting the Supreme Court would be an appropriate stamp to head a collection page.



MADAM LA FAYETTE'S GIFT

(Note cover illustration on page 6)

The Masonic Apron pictured in a special Masonic cachet for first-day sale of the LaFayette stamp of 1957 was presented by Brother LaFayette to Brother George Washington at Mount Vernon in August, 1784. It was embroidered by Madam Lafayette on white satin with colored silks.

This apron was worn by Brother Washington at a brilliant Masonic ceremony at the laying of the cornerstone of the National Capitol in Washington, D. C., on September 18, 1793. After the death of Washington, the apron was presented by his Legatees (October 26, 1816) to the Washington

Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania.

On July 3, 1829, the Society presented the apron to the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, where it is now preserved in the Library of the Grand Lodge. Reproductions of the apron were made on white satin, and on October 22, 1902, these were sent to many Lodges by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of Washington's initiation as a Freemason.

(NOTE: These LaFayette first day covers may still be obtained from Cachet Sales Chairman Louis Bernstein. They bear the "First Day of Issue" cancel of Easton, Pa., Sept. 6, 1957; also Louisville, Ky., and Fayetteville, No. Car. Set of three.)

A.S.D.A. SHOW -- 1972

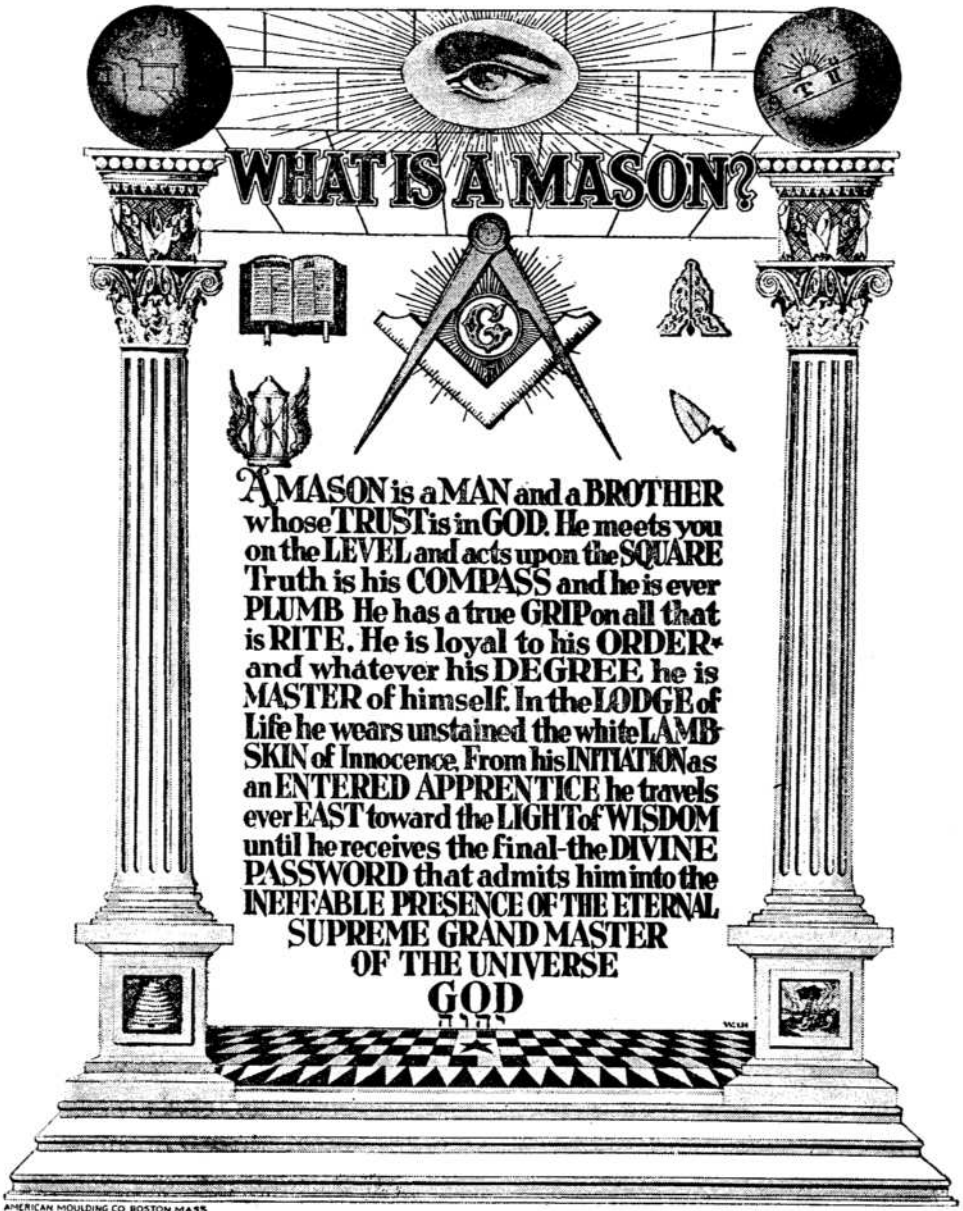
Photograph taken of a group at the Masonic Stamp Club of New York booth at the annual show at the Madison Square Garden.

Adrien Boutrelle Photo

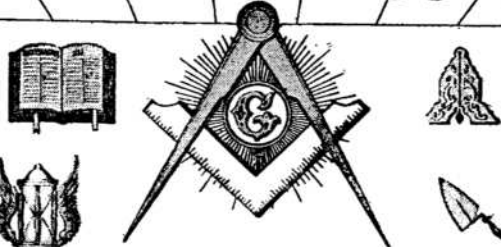
ROBERT EDWIN PERRY, EXPLORER

Robert E. Perry received his degree in Kane Lodge No. 454, New York City. He was initiated February 4, passed on February 18, and was raised March 3, all in 1896. The great Arctic explorer is pictured on Scott's (U.S.) No. 1128.

Perry presented to Kane Lodge the Masonic Flag which was raised at Independence Bay, Greenland, May 20-25, 1895. He also presented two specimens of the 90 ton meteorite discovered in North Greenland to Grand Lodge (New York).



WHAT IS A MASON?



A MASON is a MAN and a BROTHER whose TRUST is in GOD. He meets you on the LEVEL and acts upon the SQUARE Truth is his COMPASS and he is ever PLUMB He has a true GRIP on all that is RITE. He is loyal to his ORDER* and whatever his DEGREE he is MASTER of himself. In the LODGE of Life he wears unstained the white LAMB SKIN of Innocence. From his INITIATION as an ENTERED APPRENTICE he travels ever EAST toward the LIGHT of WISDOM until he receives the final- the DIVINE PASSWORD that admits him into the INEFFABLE PRESENCE OF THE ETERNAL SUPREME GRAND MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE GOD

EDITOR'S NOTE: The last part of this verse is not correct; it does not have anything to do with Freemasonry. It obviously resulted from a misunderstanding of Masonic ritual.