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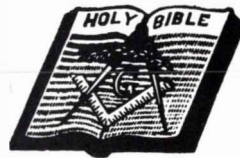
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved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

The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

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Masonic Post Cards  
Macoy Publishing Company New York

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There have been numerous articles on the enjoyment in collecting Masonic postcards. There is a good reason for this. There are so many facets to this field that everyone can find cards of interest. One is able to collect cards picturing Masonic temples, Scottish Rite Cathedrals, Shrine Mosques, Masonic Homes and Hospitals, etc. Magnificent edifices to small, one-room buildings will be found.

In addition to buildings there are many other categories, such as Masonic humorous cards, famous Masons pictured on cards, or cards printed by the Masonic Service Association during WWII. These cards showed rooms in Masonic Temples that offered rest and recreation to service men and women during the war. There are cards showing meals being served, others show Ping-Pong and pool tables and writing desks, etc.

Then, there is one group that I find to be fascinating. This group gets very little attention because the cards are so scarce and hard to find. I am speaking of cards printed by the Macoy Publishing Company of New York from 1898 to 1913. Macoy covered all phases of Masonry from buildings such as the New York City and Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temples (incidentally both by the same Architect, Napoleon le Brun) and the Masonic Home in Utica, New York. There are also humorous cards, to cards of Shriners, Scottish Rite, and Knights Templar, to cards of the Order of the Eastern Star, to cards of individuals and cards of Masonic aprons. You will also find cards picturing degree work and the Landmarks of Freemasonry.

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.

These cards are either in black and white or gravure. Some of the cards are crudely drawn while others are magnificently engraved. The engravings are extremely clear and sharp. They are truly works of art.

To my knowledge Macoy Masonic Publishing Company produced a total of eighty Masonic postcards. To indicate how scarce they are, in my twenty five years of collecting Masonic postcards, I have only been able to obtain thirty-eight of them, not even half of the total, I shall continue to search for the missing cards as it is always a thrill to see one that I do not have.

Shown on the following pages are examples of the various categories of Macoy cards. As I have said, Macoy covered all phases of Masonry. At one time, I did not know whether they were or not, but I believed the Macoy publishers had to be brother Masons.

I needed an answer to this question and my research took me to *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia* published by the Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company Incorporated in 1961 and the comprehensive entry regarding Robert Macoy (1815-1895). Robert Macoy was a prominent American Freemason, publisher, writer and ritualist. Macoy spent his life in the printing business and in Masonic activities in New York City. In 1849, he started a Masonic supply and publishing business which, under the name Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company, is still in active operation.

Macoy wrote innumerable articles for Masonic Magazines and he wrote or helped to write a number of books. He first published *The Masonic Manual* in 1852. His "*MASONIC MANUAL, A pocket Companion for the Initiated: CONTAINING THE RITUALS OF FREEMASONRY EMBRACED IN THE*



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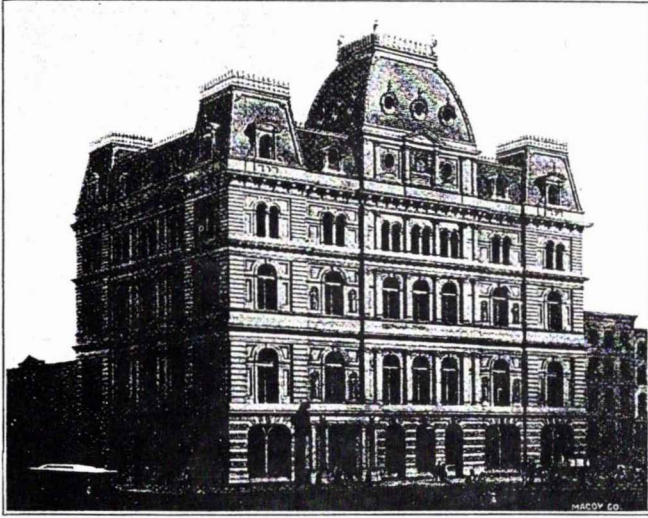
The term, “The Real Macoy” is said to have been a frequent reference to a Masonic Monitor or ritual book published by Macoy when compared to one of the less regarded Masonic monitors and ritual books then published throughout the world. Macoy also reorganized Adoptive Masonry into Chapters and his ritual of *THE ADOPTIVE RITE*, published in 1868, remains the standard from which all Eastern Star rituals are taken today. His last book, *the Amaranth Ritual* was published posthumously in 1895.

The computer website for Macoy (macoy.com) states, “Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., Inc. has been serving Freemasonry since 1849. Macoy is the oldest Masonic literature publishing firm in the United States. No other Masonic supply house has had such a continuous record. Macoy takes pride in offering quality items and services to Freemasons everywhere. We offer an extensive library of Masonic literature in addition to our beautifully made Masonic, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star and Shriners (to name just a few) regalia and jewelry. Our reputation speaks for itself.” The regular mailing address for Macoy is POB 9759, Richmond VA 23228-0759 – Telephone 804-266-8256.

Anyone wishing to contact me regarding these cards, or Masonic postcards in general, please feel free to do so.

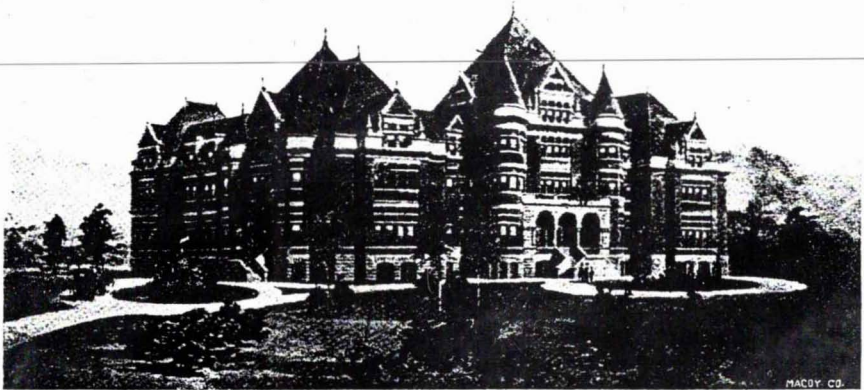
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99 —Masonic Hall, 6th Ave. and 23d St., New York. 1875.

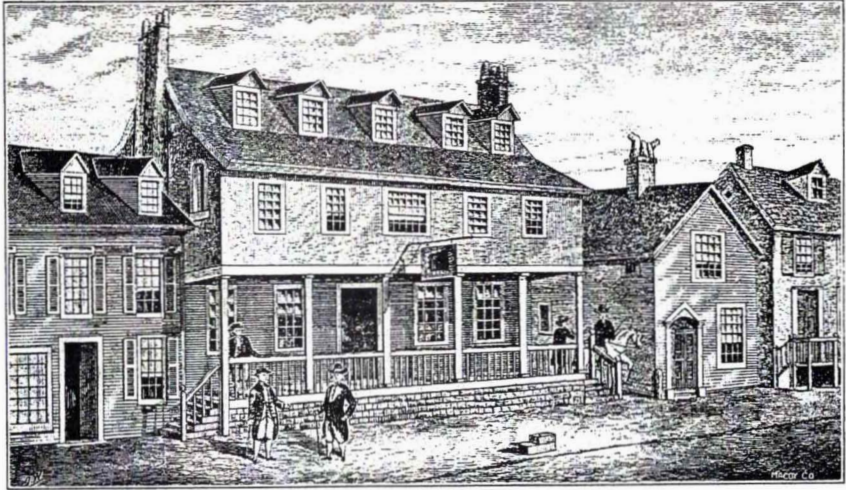
The New York Temple as it appeared in 1875



101—Masonic Home, Utica, N. Y., the Pride of Every Craftsman.

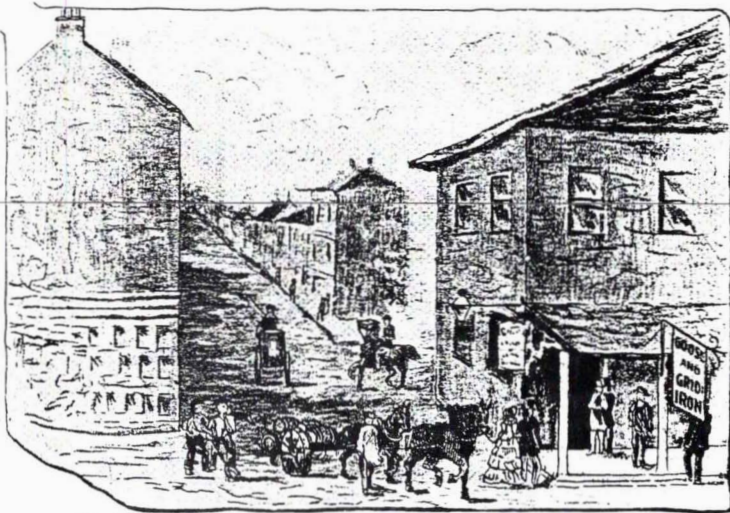
*Bert Waite Jr  
P. U. K. L. M.  
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The Masonic Home, Utica, N.Y. in 1875



100—Old Tun Tavern, Philadelphia (from Concise History), where the first Lodge of Freemasons in America was organized.

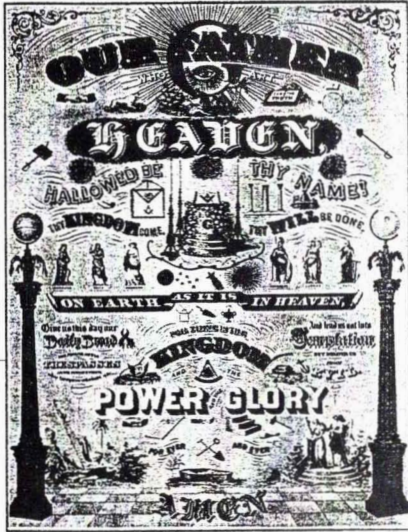
"Old Tun Tavern". Philadelphia, PA  
Where the First Masonic Lodge in America Met



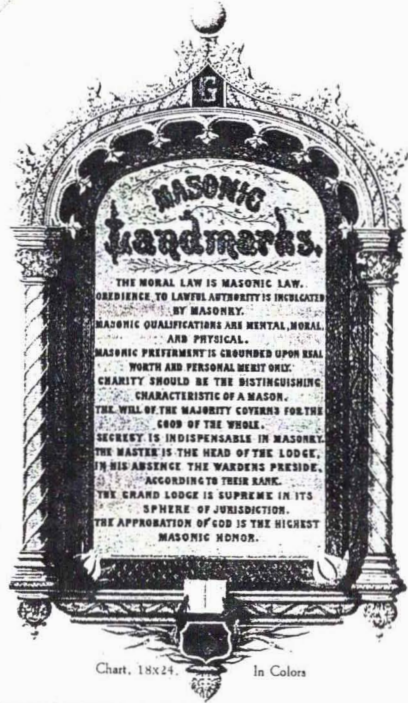
107 — The Ancient Building (Goose and Gridiron) in which the first Lodge in London met.  
Concise History, page 360.

The Goose and Gridiron Tavern, London  
Where the First Lodge in London Met





Lord's Prayer  
From Chart, Size 22x28, in Colors



Chart, 18x24. In Colors

The Lord's Prayer

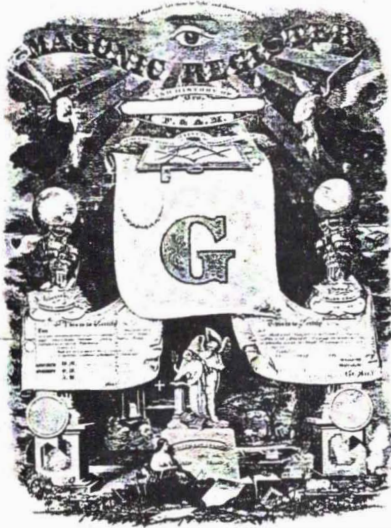
Masonic Landmarks



The Ironworker and King Solomon. From Steel Print (21x32) Copyright 1889.  
Write for free Book describing the event

Honoring Labor after Rebuilding the Temple





103—A Record Certificate. From Steel Print (22x28). By Macoy Co. Copyrighted. A larger print free.



This is Not Intended for You—  
so please hand it to the member  
who never attends Lodge : : :

*Advice to Stay-at-Home Members :*

If you happen to get lost and wander into the Lodge meeting some night, don't "let on" but what you came on purpose. The boys may be surprised to see you, but if you keep mum you can "fool 'em."

If someone slaps you on the back and calls you "Brother" don't get mad until you find out who it is. He may be the Brother who joined the Lodge when you did.

If you get a notice asking you to attend some important lodge meeting throw it to one side, and thus show that you have confidence in the officers of your Lodge.

Never bother to go to the funeral of a brother; the corpse won't miss you, and it isn't your funeral, anyway.

If you ever speak of the Order, do it carelessly; do not let people get an idea that you have an interest in it.

If you have been following the foregoing directions since you have become a member, go and have your picture taken, and have some affidavits attached, stating that it is your picture, so that there will be no trouble in identifying you when you die.

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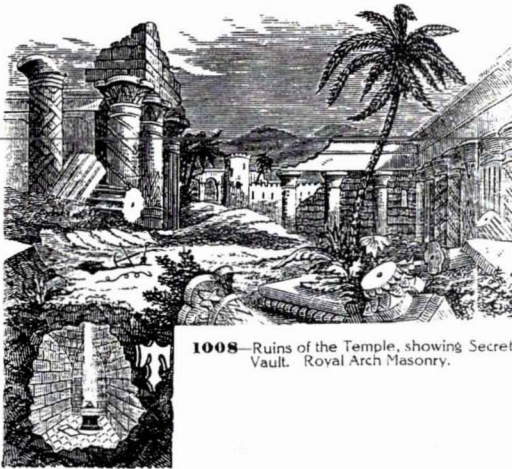
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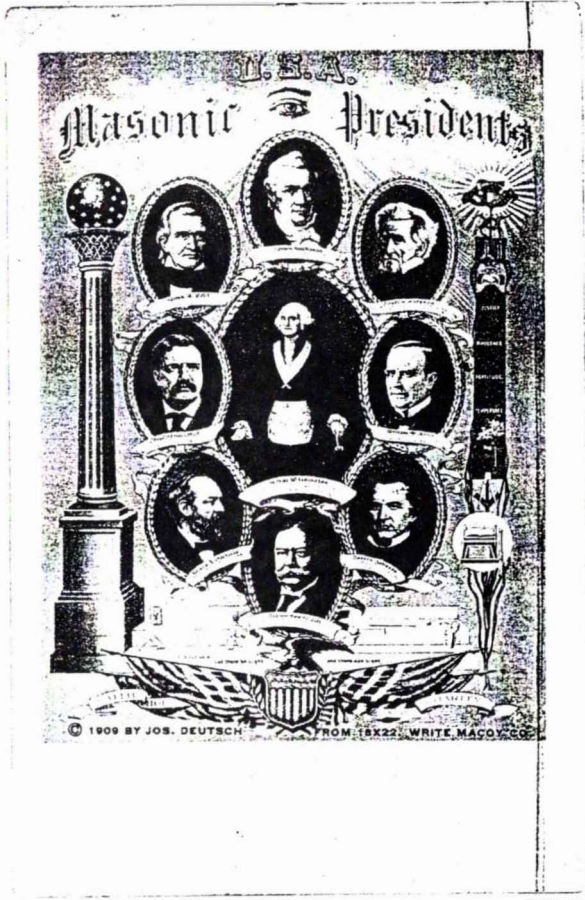
2015—Approach of Roman Army to Jerusalem. From Knights Templar History by Addison.



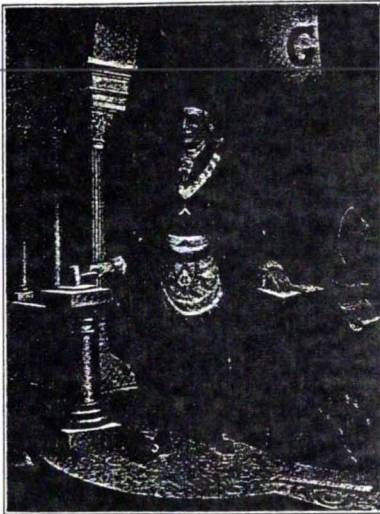
Tracing Board, Philosophical Degree



1008—Ruins of the Temple, showing Secret Vault. Royal Arch Masonry.



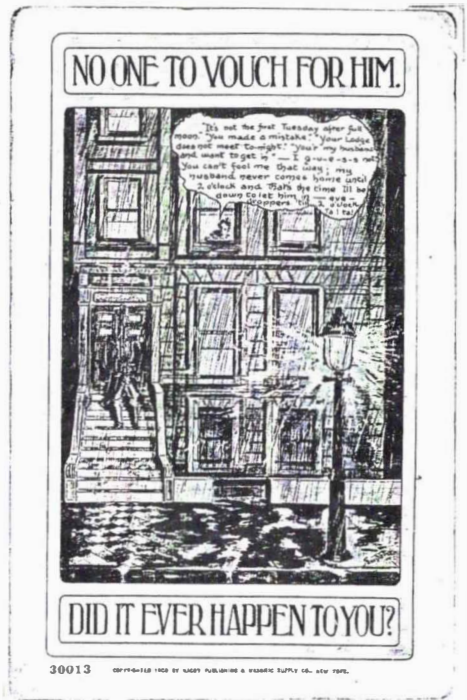
Masonic Presidents as of 1909



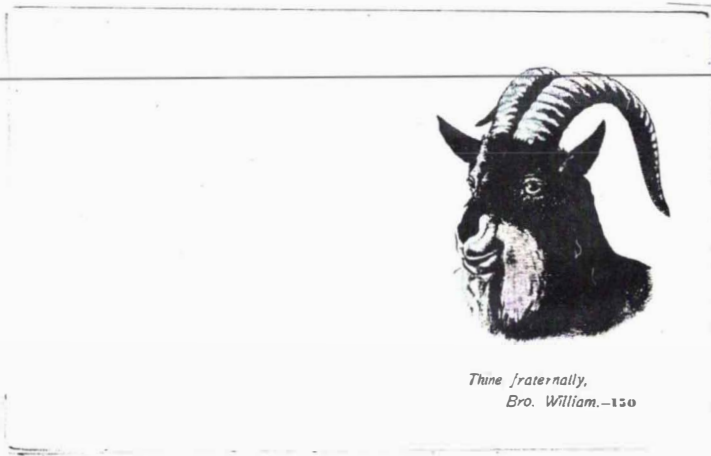
130 - Franklin Opening the Lodge. From a Two-Tone Print (22x23). Macoy Co.

New York - My Man/07  
 My dear daughter! -  
 Just to say  
 how do you do, and  
 to say that I hope  
 you are feeling better  
 You love, Papa

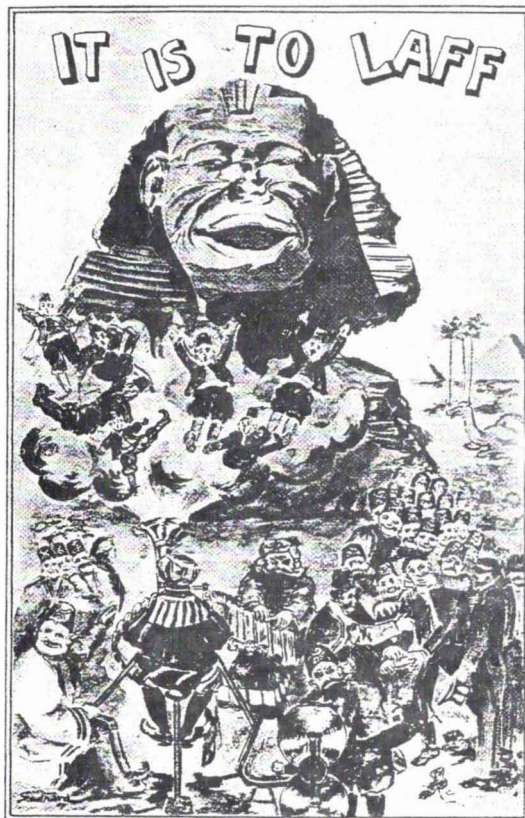




Masonic Humor

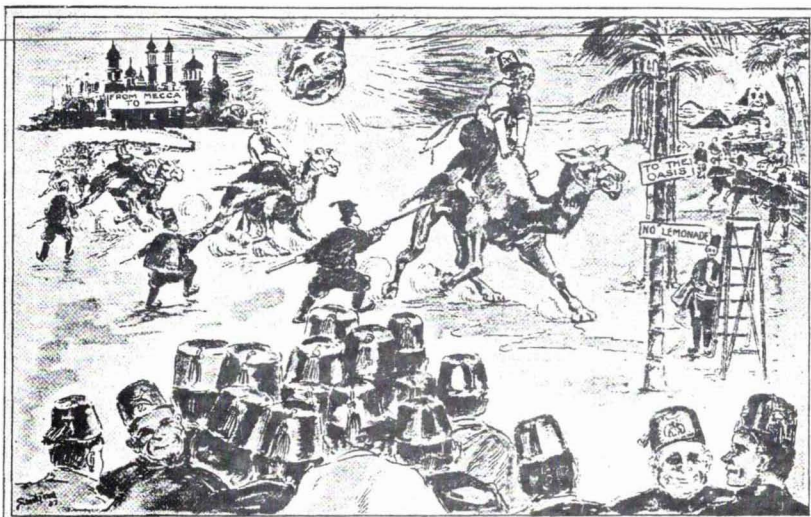


Brother William - Billy G.



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Shriners

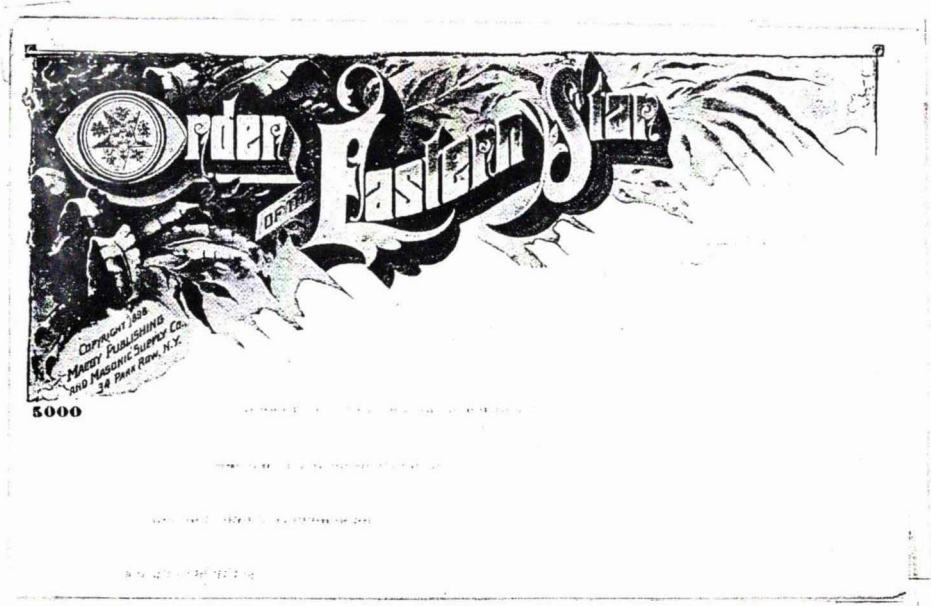


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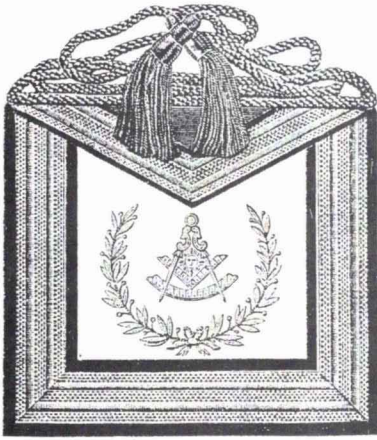




*Rob. Morris*

507—Author of *Freemasonry in the Holy Land*, *Masonic Poetry*, etc. With Robert Macoy, organized the Order of the Eastern Star.

Robert Morris, Founder of the Order of the Eastern Star



212—The White, Purple and Gold.

My Brother, I now present you this lambskin or white leather apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason—the distinguished badge of a Mason.

It may be that, in the coming years, upon your head may rest the laurel wreaths of victory; pendant from your breast may hang jewels fit to grace the diadem of an Eastern potentate; nay, more than these, with light added to the coming light, your ambitious feet may tread round after round of the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle, and even the purple of the Fraternity may rest upon your honored shoulders; but never again from mortal hands, never again until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly gates, shall any honor so distinguished, so emblematical of purity and all perfections, be conferred upon you as this which I now bestow. It is yours; yours to wear throughout an honorable life, and at your death to be deposited upon the coffin which shall inclose your lifeless remains, and with them laid beneath the clods of the valley.

Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever-present reminder of a "purity of life and rectitude of conduct," a never-ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements. And when at last your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and from your nerveless grasp shall

the record of your life this fair emblem which I place in your hands to-night; and when your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone before the Great White Throne, there to receive judgment for the deeds done while here in the body, may it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme the welcome words:

"Well done, good and faithful servant! Thou hast been faithful over a few things: I will make thee ruler over many things! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—*Standard Monitor*.



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Above the altar is a verse by Matthew 7:7. On the bottom of the stein is a decal with the dedication to William Mumpower, Jr. and George Spillman, another dedicated Masonic Brother.

If you are interested in obtaining a stein please send your check for \$60.00 payable to;

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der Forschungsloge  
Quatuor Coronati Wien

1974 wurde die Forschungsloge Quatuor Coronati Wien gegründet. Das Ziel dieser Deputationsloge ist, durch das Studium der freimaurerischen Geschichte (und besonders der österreichischen Freimaurergeschichte) ein tiefes Verständnis für die Freimaurerei zu erarbeiten. Das Ergebnis wird in den Quatuor-Coronati-Berichten (derzeit Heft Nr. 22) festgeschrieben.

1989 wurde im Rahmen der Quatuor Coronati Wien der Phila Masonica Club (PMC) gegründet, der sich mit dem Gebiet der maurerischen Philatelie beschäftigt. Dieser Briefmarkenclub, einer der vielen in Europa und Übersee, hat sich, neben der Sammlung von Briefmarken maurerischer Persönlichkeiten und Briefmarken mit maurerischen Symbolen, zur Aufgabe gemacht, die freimaurerischen Ereignisse der Großloge von Österreich postalisch zu dokumentieren. 51 FDC und Gedenkkuverts sind bis dato (2003) zur Ausgabe gelangt. Zwangsläufig ergibt sich auch ein reger Schriftverkehr mit den anderen maurerischen „Stamp Clubs“.

Geleitet wird dieser PMC seit den Anfangstagen von Br. Herbert Schmid-Korlath.

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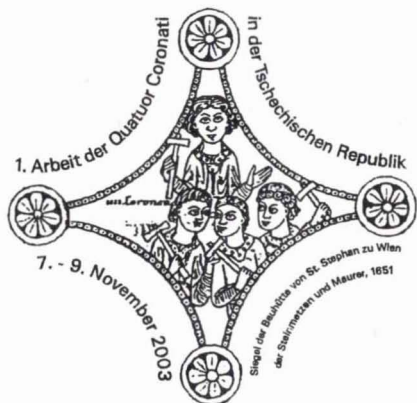
In 1974 the Resarch Lodge Quatuor Coronati Wien/Vienna was founded. This Deputy Lodge's aim is to develop a deep understanding of Freemasonry by studying Masonic history (especially Austrian Masonic history). The results are published in the Quatuor Coronati Reports (the present volume is no. 22).

In 1989 the Phila Masonica Club was founded as a part of the Resarch Lodge. It occupies itself with Masonic philately. This club, one of many in Europe and overseas, has as it's aim the collection of stamps showing famous Freemasons and Masonic symbols as well as the philatelic documentation of events of the Grand Lodge of Austria.

Until the year 2003 fiftyone FDCs and commemorative envelops have been issued. This fact requires correspondence with various other Masonic stamp clubs.

PMC is lead by Bro. Herbert Schmid-Korlath since its foundation.

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**Dr. John Nunes, Glenville, NY**

April 7, 2004  
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**Dr. Allan Boudreau, New York, NY**

April 21, 2004  
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**Boonkrong Indhusophon, Bangkok, Thailand**

May 5, 2004  
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**Michael Gutman, Mashpee, MA**

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**Dr. Guy Dillaway, Weston, MA**

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The Chinese Presence in Tibet  
**Armand Singer, Morgantown, WV**

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The Sun Never Sets on  
**The British Empire Study Group**

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**Constantine V. Politis, Newton Square, PA**

November 17, 2004  
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**Scott Trepel, New York**

December 1, 2004  
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December 15, 2004  
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