

Chapter 1 : Masons Secrets: Freemason Society

Some of these strange and scandalous secrets of the Freemasons are obviously urban legends, and should be taken with a grain of salt; but others seem to contain a degree of truth. One thing's for certain - Masonry is by no means an outdated cult.

Inside, strange symbols, ancient inscriptions, and mystical numbers lead to a room shaped like a pyramid, with an eye that points toward the heavens, and in the center of the floor, a massive altar. Some of the most powerful men in the country gather here to enact an ancient, secret ritual, drinking wine meant to represent blood from a human skull, and all of it happening just a mile from the U. Skull and Bones, the infamous Yale secret society, uses similar secret symbols operating out of a foreboding building called the "Tomb. Bush, his father, his grandfather, and John Kerry are just a few of their prominent members. For a short CNN video clip showing the "Tomb," a peek at their rituals, and more, [click here](#). And when they found out that Dan Brown was going to be dealing with Freemasonry in this book, what was their reaction? Well, I think they were nervous that I might focus on what some would call the macabre sides of Freemasonry. Perhaps with good reason. Brown has a history of prying open doors, revealing dark secrets or at least seeming to. The central premise of his novel, "The Da Vinci Code," was an earth-shaking secret that Jesus and Mary Magdalene married and had children whose descendants live among us. The book infuriated some Christians. It also sold 80 million copies worldwide, became a blockbuster film, and made Dan Brown a household name. Will it have the same impact? It became a Christian country. The human mind really does have the ability to affect matter. Government intelligence services have been exploring the powers of the mind and psychic abilities for many decades. They have quietly achieved a remarkable degree of success. Yet they have often spread disinformation to debunk the very things which they have achieved to keep them secret. For lots more on this, [click here](#) and [here](#). Benjamin Franklin published a book about Freemasonry on his own printing press. Nine signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons, including the man with the biggest signature: The secrecy of the Masons is what allowed prominent disgruntled colonists to gather, to conspire against British tyranny, and eventually to establish the new and independent country of the United States. Yet few history books touch on this important piece of American history. At the time of independence in , Masons were highly respected. Yet as they became more powerful after the revolution, they also became more corrupt. By the late s an anti-masonic movement swept the nation and decimated Masonic membership, though interest returned by the s. For more, [click here](#) , and [here](#). Freemasonry still has millions of members worldwide, and they still conduct rituals like this one performed for our cameras: Grim Reaper enacting Masonic ritual: If curiosity spurred you towards us, go away. If you are capable of deception, tremble. Because you will be found out. Freemasons have been accused of everything from murder to devil worship to secretly controlling the U. Take a dollar bill, turn it over, look at the great seal of the United States on the back. Now draw a star of David. One point will match up with the all-seeing eye: Now look at the letters at the other points of the star: Could it be just a coincidence? Freemasons have been accused of being involved in some rather strange conspiracies. A lot of that the result of the fact that you had powerful men, in this case, meeting behind closed doors and not discussing what they were doing. In times of great oppression like that of medieval Europe and the pre-revolutionary American colonies, secrecy was a vital means of sharing banned information and planning to bring positive change to the world. Yet particularly in more peaceful times, that same secrecy can and has been used to forward agendas which support the privileged few. Very few people know about the Bilderberg Group , Davos , and other secretive gatherings of the global elite. Why is there so little media coverage of these powerful conclaves when their influential members are daily fodder for the tabloids? And there is an animal quality about him. He has feather tattoos on his legs. He saves one square inch of his flesh for something that he is coveting. That is the lost word. The last piece of the puzzle. The cherry on top of the sundae that will be his transformation. That will give him power. I spent a lot of time researching and really had to get to the point where I realized, "You know what? Invariably, I was able to find reliable sources supporting his claims. Capitol, where, at the center of the rotunda, he finds a severed hand, tattooed to

resemble an ancient mystical symbol: It beckons him on a dangerous journey. Solomon runs the Smithsonian Institution. One character is being elevated to the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite. He drinks wine, which is to represent blood out of a skull. How much of that is fact and how much of that is fiction? Well, this is a real ceremony. The ceremony is described accurately. The fiction comes in as to whether or not it still happens at this moment in history in this room. And like any good work of fiction, it has to involve both truth and error to make it believable. Arturo de Hoyos is the grand archivist and grand historian of the supreme council of the Scottish rite and himself a 33rd-degree Mason. The candidates to the members are dressed wrong. Brown can quote multiple historical sources. What is the truth? To find out, we have to delve into the distant past. Masonry in many respects is a historic mystery. Mitch Horowitz is the author of the new book, "Occult America. Masons themselves cannot agree on the nature of their own origins and background. The origins of the Freemasons are shrouded in mystery. Art de Hoyos outlines the simplest theory: In other words, the first Masons were literally that: So they developed a system of secret signs and secret passwords. De Hoyos says the tradesmen started another system associated with Freemasonry – the so-called "three degrees: Freemasonry has been a vessel, a channel, for some very ancient ideas. Many Masonic symbols are even older than that. The all seeing eye, the pyramid, the obelisk. It drew very deeply upon the symbols of pre-Christian religion because it believed that it was part of a chain of a spiritual search for truth that was older than any modern or contemporary religion. The Masons are often linked to other secret societies claiming ancient heritage like the Knights Templar and the Rosicrucians. The Knights Templar , reputed to be some of the fiercest warriors of the time, were officially endorsed by the Catholic Church in the early 12th century. Some believe the superstition around Friday the 13th came from a secret edict issued by the King of France on Friday the 13th of October in to arrest all members of the order. He infiltrates the group, kidnaps its leader, and uses blackmail to try to get what he wants. But in fact, their freethinking about religion once caused the Vatican to denounce the masons as Satanic. Today the web is full of anti-Masonic material. I frequently run into people who have heard of a couple of things about Freemasonry and no more. Those people might be surprised to hear this: The father of our country was a Freemason. And historians agree that some principles of Freemasonry became cherished principles of the United States. Freemasonry was one of the earliest societies to advocate self-rule. We elected our own leaders. We had a secret ballot. We had a separation of powers. We were governed by a constitution. All these elements were very familiar to the founding fathers. But remember Freemasons also had some radical ideas about religion. There was a statue that sat in the Capitol. It was George Washington as a god.

Chapter 2 : BBC Two - Secrets of the Masons

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See Article History Alternative Titles: Free and Accepted Masons, Freemasonry Freemasonry, the teachings and practices of the secret fraternal men-only order of Free and Accepted Masons, the largest worldwide secret society. Spread by the advance of the British Empire , Freemasonry remains most popular in the British Isles and in other countries originally within the empire. Estimates of the worldwide membership of Freemasonry in the early 21st century ranged from about two million to more than six million. Freemasonry evolved from the guilds of stonemasons and cathedral builders of the Middle Ages. With the decline of cathedral building, some lodges of operative working masons began to accept honorary members to bolster their declining membership. From a few of these lodges developed modern symbolic or speculative Freemasonry, which particularly in the 17th and 18th centuries adopted the rites and trappings of ancient religious orders and of chivalric brotherhoods. In the first Grand Lodge, an association of lodges, was founded in England. FreemasonsA group of Freemasons in ceremonial dress, Freemasonry has, almost from its inception, encountered considerable opposition from organized religion , especially from the Roman Catholic Church , and from various states. Freemasonry is not a Christian institution, though it has often been mistaken for such. Freemasonry contains many of the elements of a religion; its teachings enjoin morality , charity, and obedience to the law of the land. In most traditions, the applicant for admission is required to be an adult male, and all applicants must also believe in the existence of a Supreme Being and in the immortality of the soul. In practice, some lodges have been charged with prejudice against Jews , Catholics, and nonwhites. Generally, Freemasonry in Latin countries has attracted those who question religious dogma or who oppose the clergy see anticlericalism , whereas in the Anglo-Saxon countries the membership is drawn largely from among white Protestants. The modern French tradition, founded in the 19th century and known as Co-Freemasonry or Le Droit Humain, admits both women and men. In most lodges in most countries, Freemasons are divided into three major degreesâ€”entered apprentice, fellow of the craft, and master mason. In many lodges there are numerous degreesâ€”sometimes as many as a thousandâ€”superimposed on the three major divisions; these organizational features are not uniform from country to country. In addition to the main bodies of Freemasonry derived from the British tradition, there are also a number of appendant groups that are primarily social or recreational in character, having no official standing in Freemasonry but drawing their membership from the higher degrees of the society. They are especially prevalent in the United States. In Britain and certain other countries there are separate lodges restricted to women. English Masons are forbidden to affiliate with any of the recreational organizations or quasi-Masonic societies, on pain of suspension.

Chapter 3 : Inside the secret world of the Freemasons - CBS News

The true secrets of the Freemasons are just that: intimate moments, shared emotions, secret longings, and private beliefs between men who have formed a bond through a fraternity that supports and strengthens them through its teachings.

In that time, I have learned much regarding Freemasons secrets. I have no qualms about revealing the truth behind the secrecy because the truth is that as an organization our secrets are kept in plain sight. Are There Secrets in our Masonic Symbols? Perhaps, but if our symbols contain Freemasons secrets why are they plastered all over our buildings? Why do we proudly display them on our vehicles, in our homes, on our clothing, on our fingers? The truth is there is no great mystery in the Freemason symbols. They are simple working tools endued with moral teachings. The plumb is used to erect a structure that stands upright and true. The square when used properly ensures that two angles brought together bring equitable strength to the structure. The use of the level ensures that the whole rests upon a solid foundation and that no one structural member bears excessive pressure. The Masonic lambskin apron symbolizes the way Freemasons choose to live their life, in service to others and with purity of intent. These tools could be used in a variety of ways, and they could be endued with a variety of moral qualities. There are other tools and other teachings, but the simple truth is they are just symbols. They are not secrets. Yes, these are secret. But, why are they secret? The hand grips are simple modes of recognition. The signs and passwords are used primarily as part of our Masonic ritual. They are not keys to some ancient and arcane knowledge. Were a man to learn all the signs, grips, and words it would still not be enough to gain him entrance into a Lodge meeting. And, even if he should manage to pass himself off as a Mason and gain entrance into a meeting he would simply come away confused, not enlightened. Without understanding, the observation of an act carries little meaning. It would be like watching a National Geographic presentation on primitive tribal customs with the sound turned off. Without knowledge and understanding of what they are doing and why, it just would not make sense. So, why are these things considered Freemasons secrets? Every man who has become a Mason has taken upon himself a promise that he would keep these, as well as other things, secret. It is not a matter of secrecy, or privilege, or exclusivity, or even privacy; it is plainly and simply a matter of personal honor. You make a promise, you keep it. What About the Secret Masonic Rituals? Well yes, our Masonic ritual does contain many Freemasons secrets. They are secrets that come under the same promise of personal honor that each Mason takes upon himself. We use our ritual as a means to explain, educate, and impart knowledge to the candidate and to Brethren who seek to learn more. But, is our ritual truly secret, apparently not. For nearly three centuries, maybe longer, men have been "exposing" the secrets and mysteries of the Freemasons, and they continue to do so today. After nearly three hundred years of exposure, surely there is nothing more to be seen. And yet, there is more. The rituals of the Freemasons contain Masonic secrets. This much is true. But, as any Mason who has traveled and attended Lodge in another State or Country can attest, the ritual varies from one to another. In fact, in my own experiences I have seen that the secret Masonic ritual can vary considerably from one night to the next in the same Lodge. The teachings are the same; the impressions intended to be made upon the candidate are the same, but the varying ritual is only similar. Surely, no real secret can be kept in varying forms. So What is the Truth of the Freemasons Secrets? The true secrets of the Freemasons are just that: Men from all walks of life and from disparate backgrounds come together in Masonry and call each other Brother. Some of those men truly become like brothers. They form trusting and resilient friendships. They accept and are accepted. And, along the way secrets are made and secrets are shared and secrets are kept. That is the truth of the Freemasons secrets. No true Freemason can or will publicly disclose the secret knowledge that he has sworn not to. As I said, it is a matter of personal honor. However, this does not mean that an in-depth and comprehensive study of the symbols, secrets, and significance of the order is discouraged. By all means, we should all continue to strive for more knowledge, deeper understanding, and more light. An excellent resource for this continued study of Freemasons secrets is [W](#). Have a comment, question or concern? Let us know what you think, or ask us what you want to know. We are happy to answer and discuss sincere questions and

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Chapter 4 : The Secrets of Freemasonry

What do the Masons know about Earths design? Now you will know their secret. The Garden of Eden and the North revealed.

I called it the Secret Meaning of the Symbols of Scouting. I decided that I liked my research so much that it would make a great article for the Midnight Freemasons, so here it is. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did putting it together. The primary identifying symbol of the Boy Scouts is the Fleur de Lis. This symbol was adopted by Sir Robert Baden Powell due to it being the symbol used by soldiers who qualified for the position of Scout reconnaissance specialist for the 5th Dragoon Guards, which was the unit he commanded at the end of the 19th Century. In addition to the Fleur De Lis, the emblem also has two stars, which stand for truth and knowledge. The Eagle stands for the Freedom that the United States affords. The Square and Compass is the primary symbol used by and which identifies Freemasons. We proudly display it on our rings, regalia, clothing, cars, and pretty much anywhere we can put it. We adopted this symbol because we grew out of the medieval trade guilds of the operative Stone Masons, who were free to travel in these times because their craft was in such high demand. The compass, exemplifies the wisdom of our conduct. Like Freemasonry, the Fleur de Lis can be traced back to ancient Babylon. These three gods represented a trinity for them. Nimrod was also known by several names. The horn is a symbol of power or might. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord. Three horns frequently occurred among the Nineveh sculptures, the gigantic Horned man-bull representing the great divinities in Assyria. The same word that signified a bull, also signified a ruler or prince—BAAL. He was named as such because Queen Semiramis lusted after him. She married him, and Tammuz was forever associated with being a child god. The three horned cap which both Baal and Ishtar or Nimrod and Semiramis are depicted wearing became a sacred emblem, and the power connected with it was said to be of celestial origin. The three horns represented the power of the Trinity. The idea of a Trinity would start in ancient Babylon and would spread to Egypt, where we have Osiris, Isis and Horus, Jupiter, Venus and Adonis in the Roman myths, and God the father, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit taking the place of the feminine. It is because the symbol represented Royalty, and the holy bloodline of the trinity, that it was adopted later by the French Kings for their heraldry. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth. Who would have been building this tower? Those who were adept in working with Stone, ie: The Stone Masons who later would become known in Medieval times as Free-Masons, because as I explained earlier, they were allowed to move from city to city to practice their craft. The symbolic tools which we use to teach our lessons would have been first employed in the massive building projects of Ancient Babylon, including building the tower of Babel. Going back to the idea of the Fleur-De-Lis being the arrowhead which shows north on a map or compass, you see that it has a total of six points, 3 pointing up and 3 pointing down. The Fleur-De-Lis connects to the Square and Compass, in that from above, it has the exact shape of the six pointed star. In Freemasonry, The blazing star six pointed star is described as one of the ornaments of a lodge, as being a hieroglyphical representation of Divine Providence. In more ancient traditions, the blazing star is represented as consisting of two equalateral triangles interlocked. The triangle with the apex pointed down was emblematical of the creator, with the apex pointing down toward the created universe, whereas the triangle pointing up was representative of man, pointing toward God, the creator. When intertwined as a six pointed star, they would form a single figure, the symbol of unity between God and his creation. Is this a coincidence? I leave that to you to decide. Lahners is the Worshipful Master of St. Joseph and a plural member of Ogden Lodge No. He is also a member of the Eastern Illinois Council No. You can reach him by email at darin.

Chapter 5 : BBC - Travel - The lost history of the Freemasons

You will notice that it does not say one of the secrets or some of the secrets. It says "All the secrets." So then first of all, we remember that the token (from the Entered Apprentice Degree) is the hand shake, or the mode of recognition.

Freemasonry Freemasonry Exposed Freemasonry is without doubt the largest and most powerful secret society existing throughout the world today. Whilst Freemasonry is considered by many as sinister and destructive, it still maintains a significant position of influence in certain parts of the world. Freemasonry has prided itself in its cherished secrets. However, like never before, Freemasonry, its degrees and secrets are being exposed through numerous revealing books, TV programs and the internet exposures. Unprecedented numbers of disillusioned former Masons are exposing the secrets that they were once bound by. This has resulted in a stark decline in numbers. The Masonic membership is becoming increasingly concerned about its external image, as potential members are shunning the order in significant numbers. Not liking being exposed, the normally highly-secretive Freemasons have of late been actively engaging in a public relations offensive in order to resuscitate the ailing order. American Freemasonry is crumbling Christian objections For years Freemasonry has told us that the Lodge and its internal workings completely accord with the precepts of Christianity and the teaching of the Bible. It is the purpose of this site to examine these claims and establish the real meaning and import of the teaching and practices of Freemasonry. We will expose anything within Freemasonry that we find that contradicts the Holy Scriptures. Christians have traditionally opposed Freemasonry on several grounds. Freemasonry is widely-known for adding to the sacred text, revising it and then applying it to its fictional religious heros or esoteric concepts. Lesson after lesson and precept after precept within the Lodge are seen to contradict the teaching of the Scriptures. It was paganism that shrouded its procedures in secrecy. Masonic members are fully aware that Freemasonry is just a modern mutation of the ancient mysteries. The Lodge shares most of its rituals, oral tradition and symbolism with the occult world. The fact that its religious practices and teaching are strictly hidden from outside scrutiny is testimony, in the eyes of most Christians, to the bogus nature of its religious ceremonies. Freemasonry must of necessity protect its dark degrading procedures from outside scrutiny. He is reduced to a mere moral leader that is no different to the many leaders of all other religions. In stark contrast to Christianity, the fictional character Hiram Abiff and his pretended life, death and resurrection is central to Freemasonry theology. Instead of identifying exclusively with Christ, Hiram is pushed to the fore as a preferred prototype. Christians reject this mythical invention. Christians object to how Freemasonry presents salvation. It is sold as a gradual process of spiritual enlightenment. It is portrayed as being attained by ascending through the Masonic degree system. According to Freemasonry, salvation is found within the confines of the Lodge, not in Jesus Christ. All outside of the Lodge are considered blind and ignorant. This is taught throughout their degrees. Christians hold to the biblical concept that salvation is found exclusively in Jesus Christ and His atoning on the cross. This exists because its teaching and philosophy is revealed by a process of gradual enlightenment. The first 3 degrees are known as the Blue Degrees or the Craft Degrees. Collectively these two paths are known as the higher degrees. I would recommend a very compelling book written by Masonic authority E. Storms called Should a Christian be a Mason?: Blue Lodge Craft degrees.

The Secrets of Freemasonry Revealed September 20, Alan Vincent False Gospel, Freemasons, Mark of the Beast, Mystery Babylon, Mysticism, New Age, Occult Power, Secret Societies 3 In this video you will see citations from Masonic writings that prove that Freemasonry is a religion, that it is not Christian, and that Masons become.

It was stated, without support, that King Charles II older brother and predecessor to James II was made a Freemason in the Netherlands during the years of his exile. However, there were no documented lodges of Freemasons on the continent during those years. The statement may have been made to flatter the fraternity by claiming membership for a previous monarch. This folly was then embellished by John Robison, a professor of Natural Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh, in an anti-Masonic work published in Lenning, embellished the story further in a manuscript titled "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry" probably written between and at Leipzig. This manuscript was later revised and published by another German Freemason named Friedrich Mossdorf. The well-known English Masonic writer, Dr. George Oliver, in his Historical Landmarks, carried the story forward and even claimed that King Charles II was active in his attendance at meetings—an obvious invention, for if it had been true, it would not have escaped the notice of the historians of the time. He was succeeded in his claim by Charles Edward Stuart "Bonnie Prince Charles", also known as "the Young Pretender", whose ultimate defeat at the Battle of Culloden in effectively put an end to any serious hopes of the Stuarts regaining the British crowns. However, the College and the Chapter had nothing to do with each other. Over the next decade, high-degree Freemasonry was carried by French men to other cities in the Western hemisphere. Later copies of this Patent appear to have been embellished, probably by Morin, to improve his position over the high-degree lodges in the West Indies. Based on his new Patent, he assumed powers to constitute lodges of all degrees, spreading the high degrees throughout the West Indies and North America. Morin stayed in Saint-Domingue until, when he moved to Jamaica. Morin died in and was buried in Kingston. The title "Rite of Perfection" first appeared in the Preface to the "Grand Constitutions of", the authority for which is now known to be faulty. Francken worked closely with Morin and, in, produced a manuscript book giving the rituals for the 15th through the 25th degrees. Francken produced at least four such manuscripts. Whymper to the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab and rediscovered about Its life, however, was short, as the Treaty of Paris ceded New Orleans to Spain, and the Catholic Spanish crown had been historically hostile to Freemasonry. Documented Masonic activity ceased for a time. It did not return to New Orleans until the late s, when French refugees from the revolution in Saint-Domingue settled in the city. This marked the first time the Degrees of Perfection the 4th through the 14th were conferred in one of the Thirteen British colonies in North America. This Patent, and the early minutes of the Lodge, are still extant and are in the archives of Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. It was revived by Giles Fonda Yates about or, and came under authority of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction until That year it was transferred to the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction. Joined by Forst and Spitzer, Myers created additional high-degree bodies in Charleston. These men had arrived as refugees from Saint-Domingue, where the slave revolution was underway that would establish Haiti as an independent republic in Born in Ireland in, he came to America at an early age. He formed a partnership in with Dr. Isaac Auld, another of the original members. He was an outstanding orator and author. In he published the first edition of Ahiman Rezon. He became an editor of the Charleston Courier, was a lay reader and deacon in the Episcopal Church, and in was ordained as a priest. He was the youngest of the members and was named to become the Grand Commander of the West Indian Islands. After Napoleon came to power, de Grasse returned to France and resumed his military career. He also extended Freemasonry, establishing the Supreme Council of France and councils in other European cities. He was a Major in the Continental Army and a printer by trade. He was born in London in, and immigrated to Charleston in He was a prominent Sephardic Jew and had been described as "a Calligraphist of the first order"; he was elected as the first Grand Secretary General. Also a Sephardic Jew, he was by trade a merchant and auctioneer. He was a member of Friendship Lodge and was reported to be devoted to the study of Jewish literature and Masonry. Isaac Auld - An eminent physician, associated in medical practice with Dr.

He was a strong Congregationalist. He was born in Prague and emigrated to the United States at He was known as "the liberal-headed Jew", who was "tolerant in his religious opinions" and was considered to be intelligent, enterprising, liberal and generous. Moses Clava Levy - Born in Krakow , Poland, he was a prosperous merchant, was generous and helpful to the unfortunate, and devoted to his adopted city and country. James Moultrie - the only native South Carolinian among the original members. He was a physician, and according to Albert Pike , "was one of the foremost Citizens of South Carolina". All regular Scottish Rite bodies today derive their heritage from this body. On May 21, this Supreme Council reopened and proceeded to "nominate, elect, appoint, install and proclaim in due, legal and ample form" the elected officers "as forming the second Grand and Supreme Council Born in Boston, Massachusetts on December 29, , Albert Pike is asserted within the Southern Jurisdiction as the man most responsible for the growth and success of the Scottish Rite from an obscure Masonic Rite in the midth century to the international fraternity that it became. Pike received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in March [22] [23] from Albert Mackey , in Charleston, South Carolina, and was appointed Deputy Inspector for Arkansas that same year. At this point, the degrees were in a rudimentary form, and often included only a brief history and legend of each degree, as well as other brief details which usually lacked a workable ritual for their conferral. In , the Supreme Council appointed a committee to prepare and compile rituals for the 4th through the 32nd Degrees. That committee was composed of Albert G. Samory, and Albert Pike. Of these five committee members, Pike did all the work of the committee. In his revision of the rituals was complete.

Chapter 7 : Order of Former Freemasons

Masonic Secrets. It's a regular handshake, except the thumb presses against the base joints of the second and third fingers. It looks pretty much like any other handshake; only the persons shaking hands can feel the difference.

They are not legitimate references, but deceptive pretences designed to seduce the naive. The latent meaning is that the order is the secret church of Jesus Christ. This is a lie, but the naive are allowed to conclude this if they so wish. That very eye appears on our American dollar as a part of the Great Seal. Next, he was impressed with the idea that the foundation for the new order of the ages had been laid in but that it would be completed only under the eye of the Great Architect. Roosevelt, like myself, was a 32nd Degree Mason. He suggested that the Seal be put on the dollar bill. Wallace was not only a Mason, but also particularly interested in Eastern Religions, and he regularly consulted an Indian Guru. His connections with the Russian-Indian artist and yogi Nicholas Roerich even threatened the presidential campaign in Freemasonic Initiation is deceptive and is especially and specifically intended to be Anti Christian. What is meant by this? It will be shown beyond reasonable doubt that the initiations have been deliberately constructed to include direct and subtle references to the devil. Not one or two coincidental overlaps but so many obvious similarities, according to biblical text, that when viewed or presented together the notion of random coincidence does not apply. What purpose would such a deceptive system of initiation serve? The reasons for the construction of such a system of initiation are also biblical. It is simply wicked, to lay snares for innocents without cause. You must conceal all crimes of your brother Masons. Ronayne Handbook of Masonry, page Worshipful Master: Strikes his gavel three times. As an organization comprised of a plurality of religious faiths, it is not to be expected that any one religion should be represented except to deceive the naive and ignorant. These alternatives are called "gnostic", heretical syncretistic sects that mix Hellenistic pagan religions with Neo-Platonism. The Johannite link is an allusion to a secret church of St John, i. This is a lie, but the naive are allowed to conclude this if they so wish. They are allowed to believe and speak nonsense under the auspices of the order by men, their dominant masters who know better but must conceal the Truth from their submissives. Was not the Knights Templar accused of ascribing to the same Johannite Heresy, and does not Freemasonry promote itself in secret as being the direct descendants of the Knights Templar? Their Jesus is not the Christ but a man only. It is an organization of blasphemy to normative Christians which stands in agreement with the abuse of the Christian Bible and St. John and denial of Jesus Christ as true God and true man. It is a fraud designed to deceive the public and masons into thinking that they can be masons and Christians too. That is not possible, save as a Christian heretic or apostate which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ. Note well that St. John omits the institution of the Holy Eucharist during the seder meal on Holy thursday, according to the Scriptural narrative. I do promise and swear that I will support the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada, also all the laws, rules, and edicts of the same, or of any other Grand Lodge from whose jurisdiction I may hereafter hail; together with the by-laws, rules, and regulations of this or any other Lodge of which I may become a member, so far as the same shall come to my knowledge. Civil laws pursuant to the obligation may be circumvented at will. A noticeable omission that subordinates obedience to civil laws at best and subverts them at worst, by alienating the allegiance of the member from the family and state and religion to the Order who becomes the members family and authority. I do promise and swear that I will answer and obey all due signs and regular summons sent me from the body of a just and duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons, or handed me by a worthy Brother of this degree, if within the length of my cable-tow. There are initiation fees and annual dues to be paid. Instead of knowledge and liberty, the mason grows ignorant and bonded within a gilded cage of degrees designed to dazzle the neurotic mind from realizing the process of debasement into which it has willingly succumbed. I do promise and swear that I will help, aid, and assist all poor and distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans, they applying to me as such, I finding them worthy, and can do so without material to myself or family. What about all poor and distressed NON Masons, their widows, and orphans? Masonry is a cult based upon mediocrity and mendacity. It is elitist, racist and misogynist. The notion of masons advocating democratic freedoms and rights is pure nonsense. It is a deceptive lie. Their

practical volume of the sacred law is the book for tyrants by Machiavelli called The Prince, or the egotistic selfishness of the philosopher Ayn Rand a woman! I do promise and swear that I will keep the secrets of a worthy Brother Master Mason, when communicated to me as such, as secure and inviolate in my breast as they were in his before communication. Then why does Masonry claim it is only the "Means of Recognition" that are kept secret? Masonic propaganda through the internet is a deliberate means of deception, by evasion, deception and denial of the Truth. There is much that they need to keep secret, and much fraud that they need to perpetrate to lure in new members. It is not what they say, it what they conceal that the public needs to know. I do promise and swear that I will not give the Grand Hailing Sign of Distress of a Master Mason, except for the benefit of the Craft while at work or for the instruction of a Brother, unless I am in real distress; and should I see the sign given, or hear the word spoken, I will hasten to the relief of the person so giving it. What about when a NON Mason gives a sign of distress? Typical of an elitist and anti-social cult. I do promise and swear that I will not wrong, cheat, nor defraud a Master Masons Lodge, or a worthy Brother of this degree to the value of anything, knowingly, nor suffer it to be done by another, if in my power to prevent. What about wronging, cheating, or defrauding a NON Mason? See previous response, supra. I do promise and swear that I will not knowingly strike a Brother Master Mason, nor otherwise do him personal violence in anger, except in the necessary of myself, family or property. What about striking or doing personal violence in anger to a NON Mason? I do promise and swear that I will not be present at the initiating, passing, or raising of an old man in dotage, a young man under age, an irreligious libertine, an atheist, a person of unsound mind, or a woman, knowing them to be such. Any claim to liberty and justice made by the Craft are lies designed to dupe the ignorant. It is an elitist cult infested with dominants who lure and seduce morally weak individuals into dependence upon them as submissive masons. Another Masonism it seems. Up is down and down is up. I do promise and swear that I will not be present at the initiating, passing, or raising of a candidate clandestinely, nor hold Masonic intercourse with a clandestine Mason, or with one who has been suspended or expelled, knowing him to be such, until duly restored. Neurotic masons need to blind themselves to the facts of criminal activities of masons to preserve their dependence upon the masters of the order unperturbed by Truth. Denial and disavowal is their mantra. To all of which I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, without any hesitation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind in me whatsoever; binding myself under no less a penalty than that of having my body severed in twain, my bowels taken thence, and with my body burned to ashes, and the ashes thereof scattered to the four winds of Heaven, that there might remain neither track, trace nor remembrance among man or Masons of so vile and perjured a wretch as I should be, should I ever knowingly or willfully violate this, my solemn Obligation of a Master Mason. So help me God and make me steadfast to keep and perform the same. It is assuredly a behavioural programming cult comprised of dominants and submissive in a symbiotic relationship of mutual exploitation. In token of your sincerity, kiss the Holy Bible on which your hands rest. But remember Brother the oaths you took were only to other FreeMasons Senior Deacon, remove the cable-tow; we now hold this Brother by a stronger tie. Further Light in Masonry prompted. Let the Brother be brought to Light. The Light of Lucifer

Chapter 8 : Top 10 Scandalous Freemason Secrets - Listverse

The Secrets of Freemasonry One of the things people are most curious about is the secrets in Freemasonry. Masons often claim that Freemasonry is not a secret organization, but an organization with secrets.

Grand Lodge Grand Lodges and Grand Orients are independent and sovereign bodies that govern Masonry in a given country, state, or geographical area termed a jurisdiction. There is no single overarching governing body that presides over worldwide Freemasonry; connections between different jurisdictions depend solely on mutual recognition. The largest single jurisdiction, in terms of membership, is the United Grand Lodge of England with a membership estimated at around a quarter million. Each Grand Lodge maintains a list of other Grand Lodges that it recognises. When two Grand Lodges are not in amity, inter-visitation is not allowed. There are many reasons one Grand Lodge will withhold or withdraw recognition from another, but the two most common are Exclusive Jurisdiction and Regularity. If two Grand Lodges claim jurisdiction over the same area, the other Grand Lodges will have to choose between them, and they may not all decide to recognise the same one. In , for example, the Grand Lodge of New York split into two rival factions, each claiming to be the legitimate Grand Lodge. Other Grand Lodges had to choose between them until the schism was healed. Regular Masonic jurisdictions Regularity is a concept based on adherence to Masonic Landmarks , the basic membership requirements, tenets and rituals of the craft. Each Grand Lodge sets its own definition of what these landmarks are, and thus what is Regular and what is Irregular and the definitions do not necessarily agree between Grand Lodges. Essentially, every Grand Lodge will hold that its landmarks its requirements, tenets and rituals are Regular, and judge other Grand Lodges based on those. If the differences are significant, one Grand Lodge may declare the other "Irregular" and withdraw or withhold recognition. The Grand Lodge should be established by an existing regular Grand Lodge, or by at least three regular Lodges. A belief in a supreme being and scripture is a condition of membership. Initiates should take their vows on that scripture. Only men can be admitted, and no relationship exists with mixed Lodges. The Grand Lodge has complete control over the first three degrees, and is not subject to another body. All Lodges shall display a volume of scripture with the square and compasses while in session. There is no discussion of politics or religion. Masonic bodies and List of Masonic Rites Blue Lodge Freemasonry offers only three traditional degrees, and in most jurisdictions, the rank of past or installed master. Master Masons are also able to extend their Masonic experience by taking further degrees, in appendant bodies approved by their own Grand Lodge. This system is popular in North America and in Continental Europe. Templar and Cryptic Masonry also exist. Ritual and symbolism Main article: A moral lesson is attached to each of these tools, although the assignment is by no means consistent. The meaning of the symbolism is taught and explored through ritual. During these three rituals, the candidate is progressively taught the meanings of the Lodge symbols, and entrusted with grips, signs and words to signify to other Masons that he has been so initiated. The initiations are part allegory and part lecture, and revolve around the construction of the Temple of Solomon , and the artistry and death of his chief architect, Hiram Abiff. The degrees are those of Entered apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason. While many different versions of these rituals exist, with at least two different lodge layouts and versions of the Hiram myth, each version is recognisable to any Freemason from any jurisdiction. These painted depictions of Masonic themes are exhibited in the lodge according to which degree is being worked, and are explained to the candidate to illustrate the legend and symbolism of each degree. Accordingly, Masons swear at each degree to keep the contents of that degree secret, and to support and protect their brethren unless they have broken the law. In Progressive continental Freemasonry, books other than scripture are permissible, a cause of rupture between Grand Lodges. History of Freemasonry Origins Goose and Gridiron, where the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster, later called the Grand Lodge of England was founded Since the middle of the 19th century, Masonic historians have sought the origins of the movement in a series of similar documents known as the Old Charges , dating from the Regius Poem in about [38] to the beginning of the 18th century. Alluding to the membership of a lodge of operative masons, they relate a mythologised history of the craft, the duties of its grades, and the manner in which oaths of fidelity are to be taken on joining. The theory

had also been postulated in by German professor; J. Many English Lodges joined the new regulatory body, which itself entered a period of self-publicity and expansion. However, many Lodges could not endorse changes which some Lodges of the GLE made to the ritual they came to be known as the Moderns , and a few of these formed a rival Grand Lodge on 17 July , which they called the " Antient Grand Lodge of England. The Collector for the port of Pennsylvania, John Moore, wrote of attending lodges there in , two years before the formation of the first Grand Lodge in London. Grand Lodges developed within each state. Some thought was briefly given to organising an overarching "Grand Lodge of the United States," with George Washington who was a member of a Virginian lodge as the first Grand Master, but the idea was short-lived. The various state Grand Lodges did not wish to diminish their own authority by agreeing to such a body. In , an African American named Prince Hall , [56] along with 14 other African-American men, was initiated into a British military lodge with a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland , having failed to obtain admission from the other lodges in Boston. When the British military Lodge left North America after the end of the Revolution, those 15 men were given the authority to meet as a Lodge, but not to initiate Masons. This lodge is not to be confused with the various Grand Lodges in Africa. As with the rest of U. By the s, such discrimination was a thing of the past. Grand Lodges recognise their Prince Hall counterparts, and the authorities of both traditions are working towards full recognition. From France and England, Freemasonry spread to most of Continental Europe during the course of the 18th century. Briefly eclipsed during the French Revolution , French Freemasonry continued to grow in the next century, [61] at first under the leadership of Alexandre Francois Auguste de Grasse , Comte de Grassy-Tilly. A career Army officer, he had lived with his family in Charleston, South Carolina from to the early s, after leaving Saint-Domingue now Haiti during the years of the Haitian Revolution. Schism The ritual form on which the Grand Orient of France was based was abolished in England in the events leading to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England in However the two jurisdictions continued in amity mutual recognition until events of the s and s drove a seemingly permanent wedge between them. In the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the State of Louisiana appeared in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, recognised by the Grand Orient de France, but regarded by the older body as an invasion of their jurisdiction. The new Scottish Rite body admitted blacks. The resolution of the Grand Orient the following year that neither colour, race, nor religion could disqualify a man from Masonry prompted the Grand Lodge to withdraw recognition, and it persuaded other American Grand Lodges to do the same. The new constitutions read, "Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience and human solidarity", the existence of God and the immortality of the soul being struck out. It is possible that the immediate objections of the United Grand Lodge of England were at least partly motivated by the political tension between France and Britain at the time. The result was the withdrawal of recognition of the Grand Orient of France by the United Grand Lodge of England, a situation that continues today. In , lodges favouring the compulsory recognition of the Great Architect of the Universe formed the Grande Loge de France. For the Continental lodges, however, having a different approach to Freemasonry was not a reason for severing masonic ties. The United Grand Lodge of England does not communicate with any of these jurisdictions, and expects its allies to follow suit. This creates the distinction between Anglo-American and Continental Freemasonry. Freemasonry and women and Co-Freemasonry The status of women in the old guilds and corporations of mediaeval masons remains uncertain. The principle of "femme sole" allowed a widow to continue the trade of her husband, but its application had wide local variations, such as full membership of a trade body or limited trade by deputation or approved members of that body. The French officially abandoned the experiment in the early 19th century. Having failed to achieve acceptance from any masonic governing body, she and Georges Martin started a mixed masonic lodge that worked masonic ritual. Meanwhile, the French had re-invented Adoption as an all-female lodge in , only to cast it aside again in The lodges, however, continued to meet, which gave rise, in , to a body of women practising continental Freemasonry. While they were not, therefore, recognised as regular, they were part of Freemasonry "in general". Anti-Masonry alternatively called Anti-Freemasonry has been defined as "opposition to Freemasonry", [84] [85] but there is no homogeneous anti-Masonic movement. Anti-Masonry consists of widely differing criticisms from diverse and often incompatible groups who are hostile to Freemasonry in some form. Critics have included religious

groups, political groups, and conspiracy theorists. These often lack context, [86] may be outdated for various reasons, [87] or could be outright hoaxes on the part of the author, as in the case of the Taxil hoax. The political opposition that arose after the "Morgan Affair" in gave rise to the term Anti-Masonry, which is still in use today, both by Masons in referring to their critics and as a self-descriptor by the critics themselves.

Opposition to Freemasonry within Christianity Although members of various faiths cite objections, certain Christian denominations have had high-profile negative attitudes to Masonry, banning or discouraging their members from being Freemasons. The denomination with the longest history of objection to Freemasonry is the Catholic Church. The objections raised by the Catholic Church are based on the allegation that Masonry teaches a naturalistic deistic religion which is in conflict with Church doctrine. The Code of Canon Law explicitly declared that joining Freemasonry entailed automatic excommunication, and banned books favouring Freemasonry. Unlike its predecessor, the Code of Canon Law did not explicitly name Masonic orders among the secret societies it condemns. The faithful who enrol in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion. His writings represented his personal opinion only, and furthermore an opinion grounded in the attitudes and understandings of late 19th century Southern Freemasonry of the USA. Notably, his book carries in the preface a form of disclaimer from his own Grand Lodge. No one voice has ever spoken for the whole of Freemasonry. Roberts was a vocal opponent of Freemasonry in the mid 19th century. Roberts opposed the society on moral grounds and stated, "The god of the lodge is not the God of the Bible. Freedom from secret societies is one of the "frees" upon which the Free Methodist Church was founded. In recent decades, however, reservations about Freemasonry have increased within Anglicanism, perhaps due to the increasing prominence of the evangelical wing of the church. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, appeared to harbour some reservations about Masonic ritual, whilst being anxious to avoid causing offence to Freemasons inside and outside the Church of England. In he felt it necessary to apologise to British Freemasons after he said that their beliefs were incompatible with Christianity and that he had barred the appointment of Freemasons to senior posts in his diocese when he was Bishop of Monmouth. This has been generally affirmed throughout the whole Eastern Orthodox Church. The Orthodox critique of Freemasonry agrees with both the Catholic and Protestant versions: However, countries such as Turkey and Morocco have established Grand Lodges, [] while in countries such as Malaysia [] [] and Lebanon [] there are District Grand Lodges operating under a warrant from an established Grand Lodge. Lodge buildings were confiscated by the government. However, the position changed following the revolution, and all lodges were forced to close in In the wake of the French Revolution, the Unlawful Societies Act banned any meetings of groups that required their members to take an oath or obligation. This continued until, when the obligation of the provision was rescinded by Parliament. Reports of the "Morgan Affair", together with opposition to Jacksonian democracy Andrew Jackson was a prominent Mason, helped fuel an Anti-Masonic movement.

Chapter 9 : What is Freemasonry? What are the Freemasons Secrets? -

It's the world's most well-known secret society. Rich with symbols and ritual, it's the source of legends parodies and conspiracy theories. Welcome to the world of Freemasonry.

The secrets of Freemasonry are not for women to know – not for anyone but Freemasons to know, really – which makes me inherently suspicious of the entire operation. What is so incriminating, or so stigmatizing, or so singularly valuable that it warrants such a heavy cloak of silence? The Masonic Hall on Broadway, Courtesy of the Museum of the City of New York ; For upwards of a century, however, some version of the 6th Avenue spot has served as the Headquarters for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York for upwards of a century: Construction on the first building to occupy the plot at 6th Avenue and 23rd Street completed in 1822. Ballooning interest in the order, however, meant that the Freemasons soon required a bigger space: In 1828, when they laid the cornerstone for the original temple, membership stood at 75; by 1835, that number had grown to 1,000, Patzner said. A new building went up between 6th and 7th on 24th Street, and in 1838, demolition began on the 23rd Street site. Now, the hulking structure now sprawls across a full block. According to Patzner, who is not a mason and therefore does not get to know all the secrets, self-improvement remains the central theme, one best encapsulated by the Masonic symbolism of an ashlar: You smooth out the stone that was once rough. A fraternal order devoted to personal betterment and the betterment of society writ large, Patzner explains, Freemasonry pulls symbols and practices from cultures around the globe, with a special emphasis on antiquity. Every meeting room houses columns, which recall the Temple of Solomon a prominent feature in Masonic symbolism for reasons not immediately clear to Patzner , topped with globes intended to invoke the "universality," as Patzner puts it, of humankind. Every room has an organ, decorated in keeping with its aesthetic theme, used during rituals whenever they call for hymn singing. All rooms are arranged in an east-to-west layout, and each houses three tall candles arranged as a rectangle with the fourth corner missing: The Master of the lodge stands at the eastern candle, because the east – representative of knowledge – "is seen as like the most sacred space in the lodge," Patzner says. Symbols incorporated in Tiffany-style glass panels stand out thanks to artificial backlighting. Symbols embedded in the architecture provide a few clues: Belief in a higher power of some kind is a prerequisite for masonry membership. In Masonic symbolism, you often encounter the trowel which represents brotherly love and the triangle which stands for "the universal nature of those who are coming together," Patzner says , which seem like they were once pulled from the mason trade itself, although an outsider can only speculate. Masonic Hall, Egyptian Chapel Room, ca. Paul Revere was a Mason. William McKinley, whose Ashlar stone stands in the library, was a Mason. So what were all these guys doing inside their lodges? Patzner has no intel on the exact nature of Masonic rituals, and emphasizes that these gatherings are convened on a basis of member need: The need to advance to a higher degree of understanding, and the lesson currently being pursued. We know these rituals involve organ music, hymns, and chanting. We know they involve candles and a very specific positioning of high officers. We know they involve something called a tracing board, which displays the symbols central to the lesson and, based on the one I saw hanging in the library, look like a surrealist jumble of icons incoherent to me but legible to a Mason. Were our founding fathers, our presidents, our city planners, our entertainers, witches conjuring their dominion over their particular field? If you are curious, or if you would simply like to gaze upon all these ostentatious ornaments – these pillar-like candles and stately seats – with your own eyeballs, the Masonic Hall has offered tours since the early aughts. This seems to have something to do with declining membership 39, in 1990, versus a high of over 100,000, in the 1920s and the necessity to attract younger generations, but again, only the Masons know that for sure. Gothamist is now part of WNYC, a nonprofit organization that relies on its members for support. You can help us by making a donation today! Your contribution supports more local, New York coverage from Gothamist. Contact the author of this article or email tips gothamist.