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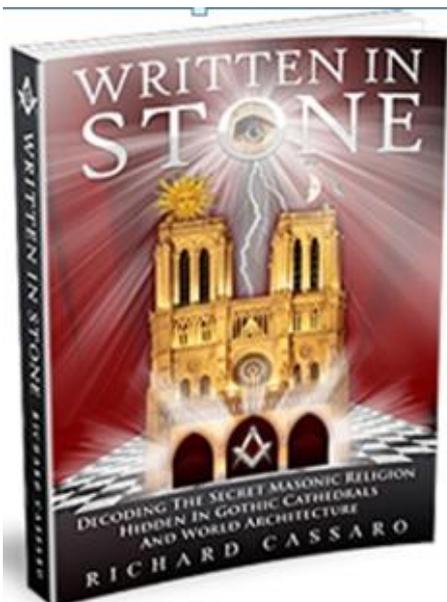


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### **WRITTEN IN STONE by Richard Cassaro**

Have you always had a suspicion that behind the many traditions across the globe there lies an underlying truth?

That a lost universal religion was practiced globally in antiquity?

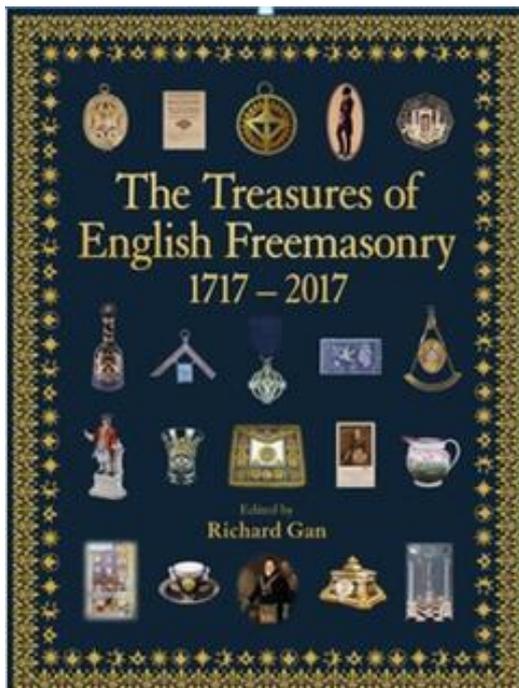
For those with the eyes to see, certain evidence of this universal truth lies hidden in plain view, memorialised in pyramids and temple architecture worldwide.

Its wisdom is still visible in ancient ruins, and has been perpetuated in Freemasonry and other western secret societies, who kept the traditions encoded in their rituals.

As times changed new forces started to guide the spiritual traditions and the Freemasons began to fear that their secrets may one day be forgotten. The builders of Europe and America's grandest structures (their cathedrals, castles and state buildings), wisely encoded their wisdom into the architecture of their constructions, where it remains concealed today.

It's said that that a picture says a 1000 words. . . .

Up until now this idea has been the subject of speculation, but, in this landmark publication, Richard Cassaro lays out conclusive, undisputable, photographic evidence demonstrating clearly the underlying truth behind all religions and spiritual movements around the world. By travelling the world and painstakingly recording and matching church architecture with ancient temple design, Richard Cassaro shows the underlying principles of the Universal Religion, which is the root wisdom of the Masonic Fraternity and the perpetuation of a life-changing ancient science. A lifetime's work, every page of this tome contains striking insights and comparisons, leaving the reader convinced without a doubt, there is but one path.



## **THE TREASURES OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY by Richard Gan**

The Tercentenary of the establishment of the first Grand Lodge, and with it the formal organisation of Freemasonry in England and indeed the world, is celebrated in this easy-to-read and superbly illustrated volume.

In 1717 four London lodges came together to form the first Grand Lodge. Since then many millions of men have become Freemasons and in England alone over 9,500 lodges have been constituted. Whilst some of these lodges have come and gone, others have survived as long as Grand Lodge itself.

A true collector's item, The Treasures of English Freemasonry 1717-2017 is a beautiful and unique

publication produced in conjunction with the Library and Museum of Freemasonry. It features over 200 items which mark interesting and important aspects of the rich history of Freemasonry.

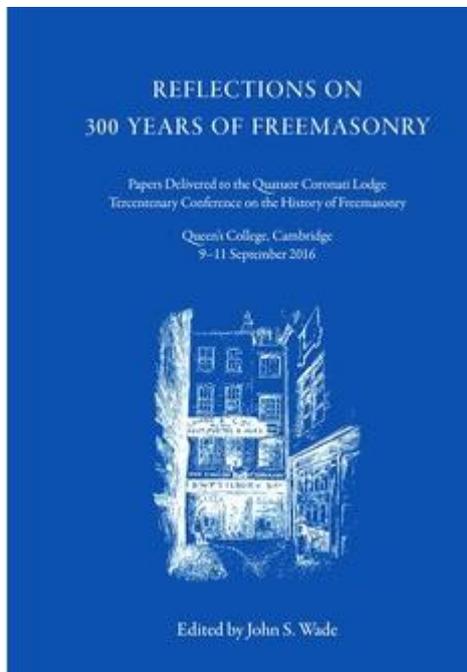
Many priceless and unique treasures are featured, providing a record of English Freemasonry over the past 300 years. Each one has been carefully selected, professionally photographed, and grouped together into one of ten different themes, each with an introduction written by an acknowledged Masonic scholar.

This volume offers the reader a chance to explore the timeline of English Freemasonry. Each treasure is pictured in glorious detail, alongside a skilful explanation of its historical context and relevance to the Fraternity as a whole.

The Treasures of English Freemasonry 1717-2017 is not only a celebration of 300 years of English Freemasonry, but also a definitive catalogue of its finest treasures.

Themes and contributors include:

'The Early Years of Freemasonry' - Professor Aubrey Newman; 'The Antients and the Moderns' - Dr David Harrison; 'The Formation of the United Grand Lodge of England' - John Belton; 'A Cornucopia of Freemasonry' - Diane Clements, 'My Cup Runneth Over' - Richard Gan; 'The Craft of Symbolism' - Hugh O'Neill; 'Freemasons' Hall, London' - Dr James Campbell; 'Freemasonry Overseas' - Dr James Daniel; 'Freemasonry and Charity' - Dr John Reuther; 'Royal Freemasons and the Rulers of the Craft' - Dr Paul Calderwood



## **REFLECTIONS ON 300 YEARS OF FREEMASONRY**

Produced by members of the world's premier Lodge of research. The Proceedings of the Quatuor Coronati Conference held at Queens' College Cambridge as part of the celebrations of the Tercentenary of the foundation of the first Grand Lodge in England and as such contains almost fifty well researched essays on every aspect of English Freemasonry since that date.

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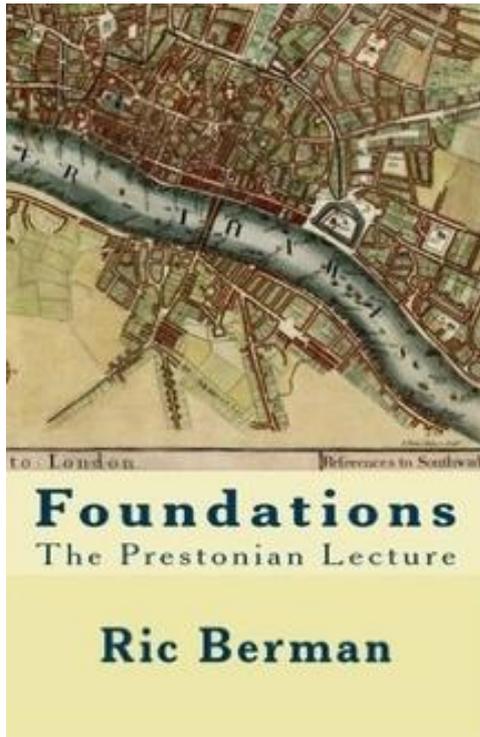
## **HISTORY OF THE COROMANDEL LODGE NO 17 By Ross M Agnew**

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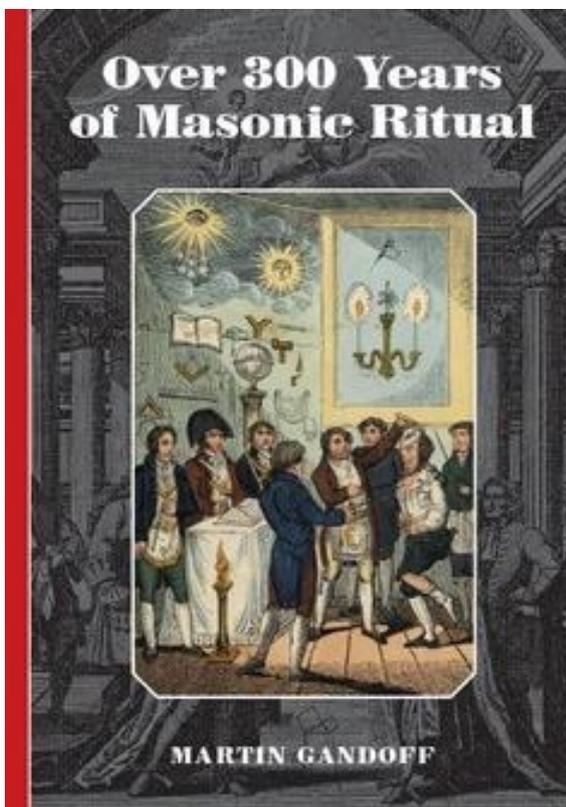
## **FOUNDATIONS – NEW LIGHT ON THE FORMATION AND EARLY YEARS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND (THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE) by Ric Berman**

The Book explores the evolution of Freemasonry, queries long-standing myths, and explains the step change that occurred with the creation of the first Grand Lodge of England in 1717.

Ric Berman outlines the connections between Freemasonry and the British establishment in the eighteenth century, and how and why its leaders positioned Grand Lodge as a bastion of support for the government. He also touches on how

Freemasonry was used to advance Britain's diplomatic objectives and for espionage.

Marks the 300th anniversary of the formation of the first Grand Lodge and sets a context for 2017's celebration.



## **OVER 300 YEARS OF MASONIC RITUAL BY Martin Gandoff**

This book celebrates the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Premier Grand Lodge in June 1717, by reviewing the basis of our workings from the earliest records to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England in December 1813 and further.

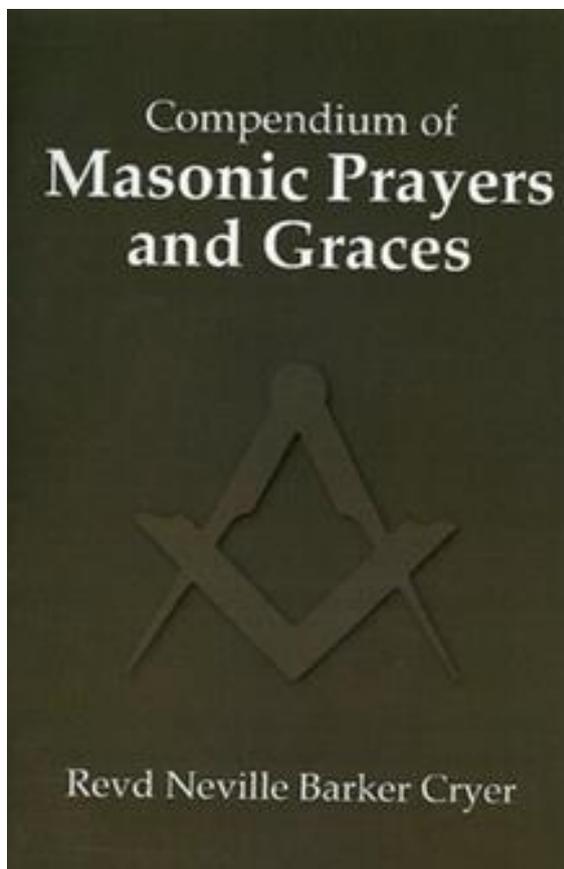
It addresses such important questions as:

- What is the Craft of Freemasonry and where did it come from?
- How was it practiced from 1200 to 1700?
- Why was the Premier Grand Lodge formed?
- What effects did it have on the organisation and practice of Freemasonry?
- How and why has our ritual changed over the years?

This fascinating work painstakingly presents a wealth of the available historical evidence, putting into context masonic ritual practice with the events and culture of the time. At the same time, it provides intriguing insights, observations and subjects for contemplation along the way.

This book is a must have for any mason who has an interest in the rituals of Craft masonry and even supplies descriptions of many ritual variations practiced throughout England.

The complete story of the Craft Ritual of Freemasonry from the earliest records to the present day.



### **COMPENDIUM OF MASONIC PRAYERS by Neville Barker Cryer**

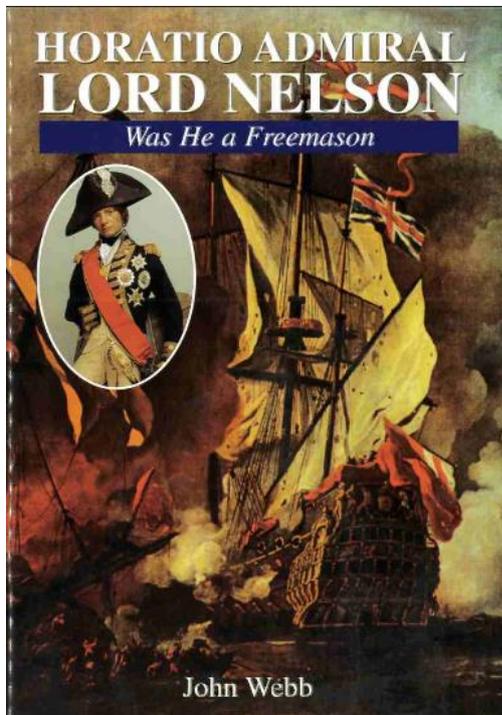
In Compendium of Prayers and Graces, acclaimed and accomplished author Revd Neville Barker Cryer focuses on the very ancient practice of saying of grace before dining. An act of expressing thanks to God for the provision for our food, drink and fellowship in which to share them, saying grace is a practice that is still observed on many occasions. The same is true at all meetings of British Free and Accepted Masons, adopting the ancient Jewish custom of saying grace both before and after dining, and the author explains why there are different graces for before and after meals.

Originating from the Latin word 'Gratias', meaning 'thanks', grace has always been attached to the Latin 'Deo', 'to God', therefore blessing the Creator for the divine provision of food. The sincere offering of grace can be a

necessary and helpful introduction to sharing and being thankful that we have food to eat when so many are hungry. It is an act that binds us to share, not least the Freemasons belief and trust in a Supreme Being, private to each one of us, but yet forming a shared conviction.

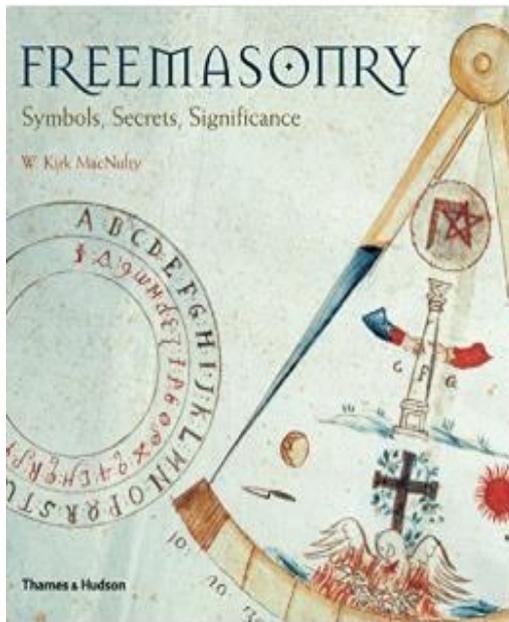
The graces and prayers gathered within Compendium of Prayers and Graces are from new and many older sources. It is hoped that they may enable those who act as Chaplains in Lodges, as well as others charged with that important duty, to vary the content and purpose of what they are offering.

## **HISTORY OF LODGE ST JAMES NO 244 1923 – 1998 by Ross M Agnew**



## **HORATIO ADMIRAL LORD NELSON – WAS HE A FREEMASON by John Webb**

On 21st October 1805, Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson led the British fleet to victory against the combined might of the Franco-Spanish fleet. It was one of the most important and decisive battles in British naval history. To celebrate the 200th Anniversary of The Battle of Trafalgar, Lewis Masonic have reduced the price on their title "Horatio, Admiral Lord Nelson: Was He a Freemason? We hope this will give more people the opportunity to learn about the life of this brave and impressive man.



## **FREEMASONRY - Symbols, Secrets, Significance by W Kirk MacNulty**

The ultimate book on Freemasonry, with a rich collection of symbols and lore that illuminate the famous fraternal society.

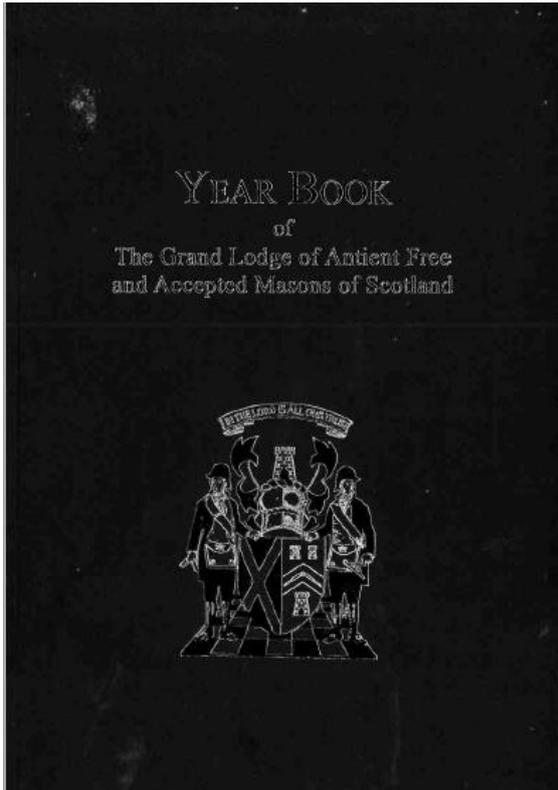
"The Craft," with an estimated four million Freemasons worldwide, remains the largest fraternal organization in the world. Written by an active Freemason, this book comprehensively explains Freemasonry through its fascinating visual culture, rich in mysterious and arcane symbols of

life, death, and morality that have evolved over centuries of secrecy and that have profound philosophical meaning.

Ceremonial regalia, paintings, manuscripts, tracing boards, ritual swords, furniture, prints, ephemera, and architecture: the book is copiously illustrated with many specially researched items from Freemasonry archives. This unrivaled compendium will appeal both to Freemasons wishing to learn the full story of their order and to a general audience that is intensely curious about this traditionally secretive and closed movement.

The coverage includes

The historical and philosophical background of the order, including the Knights Templar, the medieval stonemasons' guilds, and esoteric traditions such as Kabbalah and Hermeticism  
Its history from the earliest Masons to the present day, including famous members and scandals  
Its geographical spread from Japan to California, Sweden to South Africa



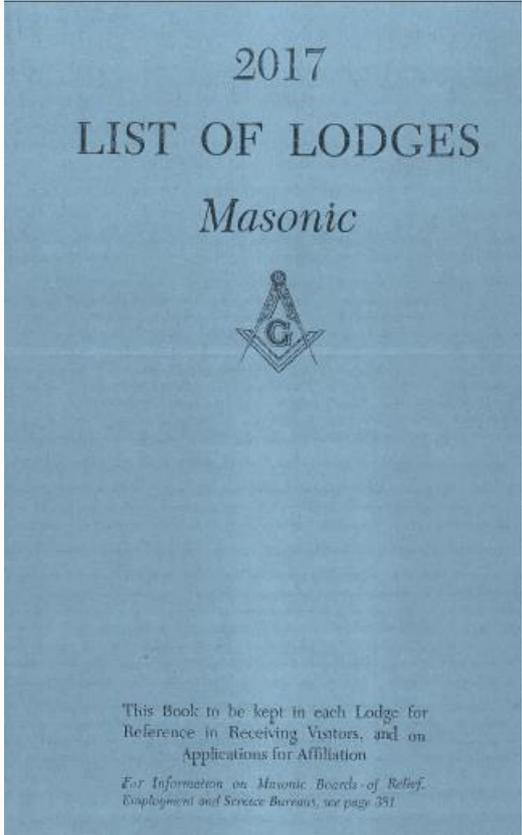
## **YEAR BOOK OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND FOR 2017**

Everything about the Grand Lodge of Scotland (including the Grand Master's visit to New Zealand) and a number of papers and lectures



## **HISTORY OF LODGE MANUREWA No 222 – 1921 to 2000- by Ross M Agnew**

A comprehensive jhistory of the Lodge



**LIST OF LODGES MASONIC – 2017**

A comprehensive list of all Masonic Lodges throughout the world