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The Librarian, would be pleased to receive any interested Brother or Lodge Deputation by appointment.

30th JUNE, 1953

INTRODUCTION

The Present Collection of Books, Medals, Pottery, Clothing etc. belonging to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire owes its inception to the devoted labours of Wor. Bro. George Taylor, Past Grand Standard Bearer, England, and Provincial Grand Secretary of Worcestershire. In 1884 a Masonic Exhibition was organised by him in the Guildhall, Worcester, consisting of items loaned by collectors all over England. Many of the exhibits were Brother Taylor's own property and he continued to add to his collection, which was purchased by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire in 1899.

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A short list of Books recommended to those Brethren desirous of making an advancement in Masonic Knowledge.

The selection does not pretend to be exhaustive, it is merely suggestive. Any Brother desiring to pursue any particular subject should apply to the Librarian who will be pleased to suggest other books. Brethren are reminded that the Transactions of the various Lodges of Research such as the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, the Leicester Lodge of Research etc. contain articles on nearly every subject of Masonic interest.

HISTORY.

840. **The Birth and Growth of the Grand Lodge of England.** *Gilbert W. Daynes.*
A Short History of English Freemasonry since 1717 recommended as an introduction.
2047. **Freemasonry before the existence of Grand Lodge.** *Vibert.*
Marshals all the known references to Freemasonry before 1717.
2045. **The Story of the Craft.** *Vibert.*
A general survey of the Order.
169. **The History of Freemasonry.** *Gould, 3 vols.*
Still the standard History of Freemasonry throughout the World though written 80 years ago, Erudite, detailed and authoritative. The three Volumes have each over 500 pages and readers are recommended to read first the next book No. 2097.
2097. **A Concise History of Freemasonry.** *Gould.*
A shorter form of No. 169.
193. **History of the Lodge of Edinburgh.** *Murray Lyon.*
The best book on Scottish Masonry.

668. **History of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.** *Lepper and Crossle.*
Irish Masonry in fascinating detail.
172. **The Four Old Lodges.** *Gould.*
An account of the four Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of England in 1717.
800. **Military Lodges.** *Gould.*
Regimental Lodges in the course of their travels carried Masonry into many lands.
448. **Masonic Facts and Fictions.** *Sadler.*
Sadler was Grand Tyler and Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England. This book gives an account of the rise of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients.
1594. **Masonic Reprints and Historical Revelations.** *Sadler.*
Contains many interesting episodes in the side tracks of Freemasonry.
695. **History of the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2.** *Firebrace, 2 vols.*
One of the Time Immemorial Lodges which formed Grand Lodge in 1717.
1480. **Ancient Freemasonry and the Old Duadee Lodge.** *Heiron.*
The History of an old London Lodge. Good reading.
1723. **Freemasonry in the Thirteen Colonies.** *Tatsch.*
The early History of the Craft in the United States.
464. **The History of Initiation.** *Rev. G. Oliver.*
2101. **A Short History of Freemasonry to 1730.** *D. Knoop and G. Jones.*
1787. **Hieratic Tradition.** *Covey Crump.*
2285. **Freemasons Guide and Compendium.** *Bernard E. Jones.*
733. **The Mediaeval Mason.** *D. Knoop and G. Jones.*
175. **Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry.** *W. J. Hughan.*
1977. **The History of the Wigan Grand Lodge (Lancs).**
762. **History and Records of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance No. 7. 1751-1916.** *E. Poole.*
177. **History of Freemasonry.** *J. G. Findel*
794. **Origin and Antiquity of Freemasonry.** *Albert Churchward.*

RITUAL.

1069. **Masonic Ritual.** *Hobbs.*

Masonic Ritual discussed as far as it is possible to treat of such a subject. One of the excellent series published by the Masonic Record.

2046. **Emulation Working Explained.** *Inman.*

An exposition of the ritual as worked in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. By a past member of the Committee. Most helpful to all working Officers of any Lodge.

2219. **The Director of Ceremonies.** *Rose.*

Deals fully with the duties of this Officer and contains other interesting items such as a description of the Grand Lodge Certificate sometimes given when presenting it to the Master Mason.

1493. **History of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.** *Sadler.*

An account of the best known Lodge of Ritual Instruction whose working is the standard for most Lodges.

1482. **A Century of Masonic Work being a History of the Stability Lodge of Instruction.** *Golby.*

Perhaps the second best known ritual.

1373. **A short account of the Lodges of Promulgation Reconciliation Stability and Emulation.** *Hallett.*

When the two Grand Lodges known as the Ancients and the Moderns were united in 1813 it became necessary to arrive at an agreed ritual. This book tells how it was done.

2190. **Early Masonic Catechisms.** *Knoop, G. Jones and Hamer.*

MASONIC LAW.

1581. **Masonic Jurisprudence.** *Lawrence.* 1923.

150. **Masonic Jurisprudence.** *A. G. Mackey.*

2042. **The Law and Custom of Freemasonry.** *Lewis Edwards.*

779. **Institutes of Masonic Jurisprudence.** *Rev. G. Oliver.*

BIOGRAPHY

777. **Thomas Dunckerley.** *Sadler.*

66. **Lawrence Dermott.** *Bywater.*

Biographies of two 18th Century Masons. Dermott, the leading spirit of the Ancients, Dunckerley, a Moderns stalwart and Provincial Grand Master of many Provinces.

1724. **The Facts about George Washington.** *J. H. Tatsch.*

AIMS & OBJECTS OF FREEMASONRY.

550. **The Builders.** *Rev. J. Fort Newton.*

2044. **Brothers and Builders.** *Rev. J. Fort Newton.*

398. **Illustrations of Freemasonry.** *Preston*

399. **The Spirit of Masonry.** *Hutchinson.*

417. **A Candid Disquisition.** *Calvert.*

Three 18th Century books on Freemasonry. The first books about Masonry as distinct from the Books of Constitutions and the flood of exposures. Preston was an outstanding figure in the 2nd half of the 18th Century. His book reached its 17th edition in 1802.

1005. **Freemasonry, its Aims and Ideals.** *J. S. M. Ward.*

2267. **Apron Man.** *Col. R. J. Blackman.*

836. **The Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry.** *T. J. Finlay
Finlayson.*

428. **The Revolutions of a Square.** *Rev. G. Oliver.*

786. **The Keystone.** *Rev. J. T. Lawrence.*

785. **Sidelights on Freemasonry.** *Rev. J. T. Lawrence.*

2016. **The Lure of Freemasonry.** *Rev. Joseph Johnson.*

2043. **The Men's House.** *Joseph Fort Newton.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

839. **The Old Charges.** *Poole.*
By the leading authority on those old Manuscripts which are the connecting links between the Operative Masonry of the 15th, 16th, and 17th Centuries and the Speculative of the 18th, 19th, and 20th Centuries.
662. **The First Book of Constitutions 1723.** Reprint. *Vibert.*
459. **Jachin and Boaz.** Reprint. *Leicester Lodge of Research.*
A reprint of perhaps the most popular exposure of the 18th Century. It is still being printed for the edification of the Public and the Brethren and the profit of the Publisher.
831. **Masonic Emblems and Jewels.** *Hammond.*
An illustrated description of some of the Treasures in the Grand Lodge Museum.
801. **The Treasury of Masonic Thought.**
A compendium of essays and articles from many sources by the best known Masonic authors.
1600. **The British Masonic Miscellany.** 20 vols.
Twenty Volumes of pocket size full of interesting articles reprinted from diverse sources. Strongly recommended for general reading.
446. **The Religion of Freemasonry.** *H. J. Wymper.*
1467. **The Rare Books of Freemasonry.** *Vibert.*
1577. **The Unfrozen Paths of Masonic Research.** *G. W. Daynes.*
802. **The Masonic Problem. The Purpose and Meaning of Freemasonry.** *Rev. J. G. Gibson.*
826. **Masons' Marks in Worcester Cathedral.** *C. B. Shuttleworth*
199. **The Teachings of Freemasonry.** By "Essex Master."
Regius and Cook M.SS. by Knoop.

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BYE-LAWS

1. The Library and Museum shall be under the control of a Committee, consisting of the General Purposes Committee of the Province, (P.G.L. Bye Law No. 6.) with the addition of one representative from each Lodge, or subscribing Masonic Body, in the Province, which shall meet at least once in each year. They shall appoint an Executive Committee, with full powers to act, as may be deemed necessary.

2. The LIBRARY SHALL BE OPEN (except during the month of July) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; on Saturdays from 2.0 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; and may be inspected at other times by making application to the Librarian.

3. No BOOK OR ARTICLE may be removed from the premises without the sanction of the SUB-COMMITTEE, through the Librarian, who shall keep a book recording all such loans.

4. Articles of Masonic interest may be loaned for exhibition purposes to any Masonic body, at the discretion of the Chairman and Librarian.

5. Books may be loaned on personal application, or by post. Borrowers may retain books for **one month only**, and are requested to return them as quickly as possible. If desired to retain them longer, written application must be made to the Librarian. **ON NO CONSIDERATION** may books be lent by the borrower to any other person. There may be other brethren waiting for them. **Outward postage** will be paid by the Library. **BOOKS DATED PRIOR TO 1800 can only be issued by permission of the Chairman and Librarian.**

NOTE: The Committee will be pleased to receive gifts or loans of Books, Manuscripts, Medals, Jewels or Masonic Clothing of interest, and undertake to retain in safe custody old Minute Books, Memoranda, Documents etc.

These Bye Laws were revised and approved at the Annual General Meeting held June 3rd. 1950.

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