

Masonic Curiosities



This decorated lamppost, with cherub, Masonic apron, trowel, and ruler, dates from 1862 when Ulster Hall in Belfast was designed by Bro. William J. Barre (1830-1867).



The mullions of this shopping centre entrance clearly depict the Masonic square and compasses. Continental Centre, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada.



João Baroni, in São Paulo, Brazil, offers lodging to freemasons and their families while undergoing treatment at the local cancer hospital.



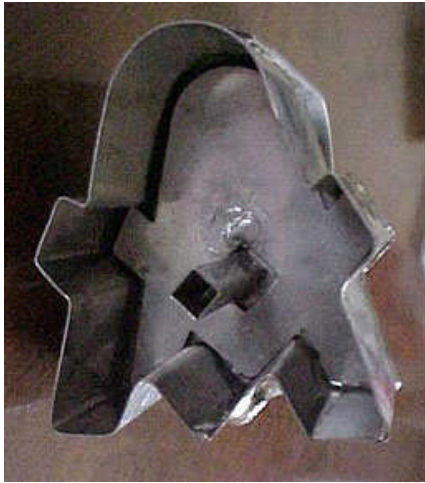
The 2,339 acre International Peace Garden, situated on the border between Manitoba and North Dakota, was dedicated in 1932. Jointly sponsored by the Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Manitoba, the Masonic Auditorium, was built in 1981.



This horse brand was photographed in Seville, Spain and appeared in the Winter 2003 issue of *Freemasonry Today*.



Matador Cattle Company's Beaverhead Ranch, in Montana, uses a Square and Compass brand. This ranch is owned by Koch Industries of Kansas.



Square and compasses cookie cutter

offered for sale on an internet auction in 2003.



Freemason Street and Freemason Mews.

Near the Norfolk International Airport, Virginia, can be found



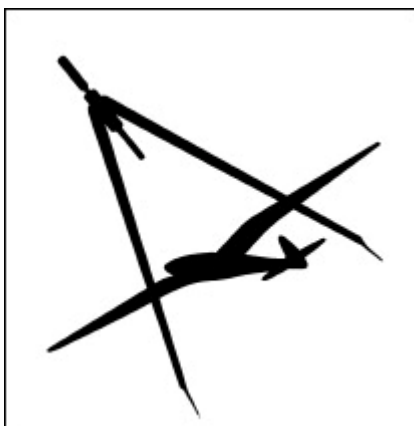
Freemason Island, a small island with a substrate composed of mollusk shell fragments, is the southernmost of the Chandelier chain of islands off the shore of St. Bernard County, Louisiana. It was a nesting spot for Reddish Egrets and Louisiana Herons until several freezes starting in 1962 killed off the Black Mangrove thickets. Hurricane Ivan swept the area with a maximum sustained winds of 132 mph in September of 2004, reducing the island to two small islets.



Owned by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Masonic Island on Lake Metigoshe, North Dakota, has been the site of summertime Masonic meetings since 1905. Masonic features of the island include a set of three, five and seven steps leading up from the dock, mortared stone chairs and altar, and a large carved square and compasses.



Mason City, Iowa, seat (in 1855) of Cerro Gordo county, northern Iowa, along the Winnebago River, about 120 miles north of Des Moines. The area was inhabited by Winnebago and Sioux Indians when Freemasons arrived to settle the site in 1853; its earlier names were Shibboleth, Masonic Grove, and Masonville before the present name was adopted.



The Polyteknisk Flyvegruppe is a Danish Flying Club...and yes, the name is spelled correctly...their logo appears to be inspired by the square and compasses.



While the all-seeing eye of Providence, checkerboard flooring and the clasped hands—seen here on the Fraternal Order of Police emblem—are not exclusively Masonic, the three towers formed part of the official coat of arms granted to the London Company of Masons in 1472. The use of such terminology as Grand Lodge and Brethren further suggest a Masonic connection.



The city of Apopka, Florida was incorporated in 1882, with the city limits measuring one mile in all directions from the Masonic lodge hall for Orange Lodge No. 36, located at what is now Main St. (US 441) and Alabama Avenue. The current city logo, designed in 1976, commemorates this Masonic heritage by incorporating the Masonic square and compasses into its design.



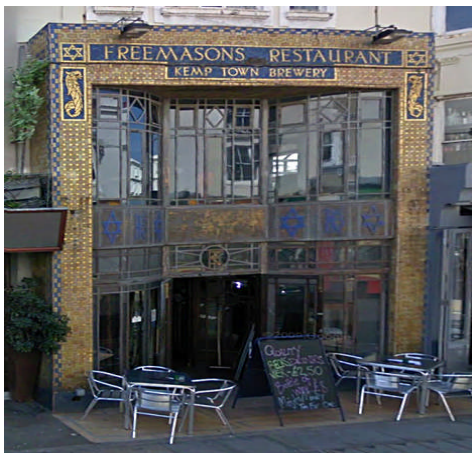
In the video "Its Tricky" by the rap group Run-D.M.C., a woman playing a card game with Penn and Teller is wearing a black 32° Scottish Rite hat.



At least two ships have had Masonic names. Two sailing ships of interest operated off the U.S. Eastern seaboard between 1737 and 1779. They were the "Freemason" and the "Master Mason". The brigantine "Freemason" is recorded on voyage in late 1772 while in *Shipwrecks North of Boston: Vol. 1: Salem Bay* a note is made of a "... storm, killing ten (1773); The explosion at anchor in Marblehead of the privateer brigantine Freemason" in 1779.



The Freemasons Arms is located on the site of the Freemasons' Tavern, demolished in 1860. Their sign board displays the coat of arms of the United Grand Lodge of England, whose offices and lodge rooms are now situated 250 yards away in Great Queen Street.



The Freemasons Restaurant and the Freemasons Tavern—originally the Freemasons Arms—has not only misappropriated the Masonic square and compasses for commercial purposes but their web designer, Nick Coquet, has lifted a key element of their website from the collection of Masonic images on this website.



This is the sign outside the Square & Compass public house, that has been owned by the same family for over a hundred years. The story goes that the name is not derived from Freemasonry, but from the local stonemasons for whom the pub was originally built.



The Square and Compasses is a public house, believed to date from about 1652. The tavern is located on Fuller Street in Chelmsford, England.



At least two horses have been named Freemason. Freemason, an Australian racehorse owned by Jack Ingham, won a Queensland Derby in his three-year-old season, breaking a 10-year-old track record, with the time of 2 min 26 sec at the BMW at Rosehill Gardens on April 12, 2003. Shown here is "Freemason" Favorite horse of the late Hugo Maxwell Ingham Esq.



This Masonic monument was erected by Solomon's Pillars Lodge No. 59 in the traffic circle on Highway 90 at Izmir, south of Eilat, Israel on the way to the Egyptian border .



Relatively uncommon today, in the nineteenth and early twentieth century the local Freemasons were often asked to officiate at the cornerstone laying of public buildings. Notable for its rarity, this stone is not in fact a cornerstone but is the "capstone" for the Denver Airport in Colorado.



Masonic themed pocket watches were very popular from the 18th century through the late 1950's. A limited edition Dudley pocket watch is a highly sought after item and usually commands a price of several thousand dollars.



Masonic postcards were popular in the early 20th century and came in a wide variety of topics related to the Masonic Lodge.



Collecting Masonic pins, badges, and jewels is still an active hobby today.



Masonic license plates have been issued by most of the states in the US and many foreign countries, and are quite collectible.



A view toward the East in Hiram Lodge's tiled tent somewhere in the Iraqi desert, a haven for US Freemasons...circa 2010



And finally, this cartoon cell from the world of animation.....'The Vigilant Citizen'. The only thing Squidward wants in the world is to be back in the Cephalopod Lodge, a secret society for fish with tentacles. This is not the first time a Sponge Bob cartoon refers to Freemasonry.