

Food for the Marvelous

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In this day of docu-fictions, deception, and the down-right impossible, hardly a week goes by without the Mason symbol being flashed on our HD televisions as being associated with something “extreme.” Indeed, if you stumble on websites by highly uninformed people (professional and otherwise) you will see the same thing.

How did this come about? Essentially, the ones to blame are the predecessors of today’s SCIENTIST. Yes... those wonderful white-smocked individuals who tell us the truth about how things work, and even how we ourselves work.

What happened here is that back in medieval times, men who were called alchemists, went on a search for the “Philosopher’s Stone,” a mythical “something” that had the power to turn base metals into gold. In this quest, they mixed, mashed and muddled-with just about anything they could lay their hands on. Some sought the answer in the records of ancient civilizations with all their strange symbolism. Others branched out and looked into what was inside the human body—totally taboo by the Roman Catholic Church.

One thing is for certain—they did discover many things, although totally remote from the elusive Philosopher Stone. It appears that many were among the fist “accepted” Masons. In other words, they joined lodges so they could associate with others of their kind and share their “dark” secrets. Here they were assured that their discoveries would remain within the confines of a “faithful breast.” In short the Masonic Order became a magnet for highly intellectual men who wanted to escape religious intolerance.

Nevertheless, the word “secret” and Freemasonry became synonymous, and the Church took great exception to anything that excluded it (there can be no secrets from the Church). Keep in mind that the problem was with the existence of a “secret,” not the secret itself. It needs to be mentioned here that the most often stated Church objection is that concerning Masonic oaths and penalties (swearing on a Bible). We have to wonder a bit here because oaths with a penalty are taken thousands of times every day in the legal courts. I know of no Church objection to this practice.

If the question is, do Freemasons have secrets? The answer is yes—probably millions. If the question is, does the Masonic Order have secrets? The answer is no, none. If there is a big file drawer somewhere labeled TOP MASONIC SECRET, I think one of us would have found it by now. Of course, I am excluding our ritual “secrets.” They are totally immaterial in this context.

In the United States, perhaps the greatest so-called “Masonic secret” is that concerning the mysterious construction of Coral Castle in Florida. The castle, as it were, involved the moving of massive stone blocks. It was built by one man by himself without the aid of modern cranes or other large pieces of machinery. This process (whatever it is) has been the subject of wonder for several centuries (Egyptian pyramids,

Stonehenge, Easter Island and so forth). The following is a summary from Wikipedia:

Coral Castle is a stone structure created by the Latvian American eccentric Edward Leedskalnin (1887–1951) north of the city of Homestead, Florida in Miami-Dade County at the intersection of South Dixie Highway (U.S. 1) and SW 157th Avenue. The structure comprises numerous megalithic stones (mostly limestone formed from coral), each weighing several tons. It currently serves as a privately operated tourist attraction. Coral Castle is noted for legends surrounding its creation that claim it was built single-handedly by Leedskalnin using reverse magnetism and/or supernatural abilities to move and carve numerous stones weighing many tons.

Edward Leedskalnin is said to have been a Freemason because his “castle” contains the structure seen here.



Although there does not appear to be any reference to Leedskalnin's lodge, he definitely used three primary Masonic symbols—Master’s jewel, oblong square, and the ashlar. I doubt that this would have been by chance, so Leedskalnin made a conscious decision to imply “Masonic involvement or association.” The people who I refer to as the “marvelous” believe that the stones were moved by some process of levitation, which has now been added to Freemasonry’s ever-growing list of “secrets.”

I am sure it is just a matter of time before Coral Castle finds its way onto a US postage stamp. It is a major tourist attraction and deserves this kind of attention.

Links for further research/images

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coral_Castle

<http://www.crystalinks.com/coralcastle.html>