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## PREFACE

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The Masonic Classification herewith presented is the result of some twenty-two years of practical experience in the largest masonic library in the world—the Library of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree at Washington. This Library, in addition to its thousands of items on Freemasonry and related societies, contains also thousands upon thousands of general works in all branches of literature. These latter works are classified according to the well-known Dewey Decimal System, but this system provides no classification of freemasonry, assigning one class only to the subject, which class is practically incapable of subdivision. The scheme which I have devised and which is in successful practical operation, provides for nearly four hundred classes and sub-classes.

Practically all masonic libraries contain much general literature, but as they specialize on freemasonry, it becomes necessary to provide some system which will allow of their classification independently of the general library. Many libraries use the Dewey Decimal System, and I have devised the present scheme to prevent confusion, not only in the classification, but also in the catalogue card number, the book label number, the shelf guide number, and in various other ways, the letter “M” (Masonry) arbitrarily prefixed to the digits, always indicating the card, the book, its label, and the shelf-guide, as of masonic import.

The entire range of masonic literature is divided into ten great classes, somewhat similar to Dewey’s ten great classes of general literature. These ten classes are subdivided again and again to suit the requirements of the literature on a given subject. For example, if we have a general history of freemasonry, it goes in class M10. If it is a history of Freemasonry in Europe, it goes in class M17.940, the M17, indicating that it is a geographical division of masonic history, and the 940, indicating that it is a history of Freemasonry in Europe, the 940 being Dewey’s notation for Europe. Again, take the class M20, which is Customs and Paraphernalia. Any general work on the subject would go in this class, but if the library possessed literature on the Obituary Rites of freemasonry, it would go in class M20.01; if it had works on Paraphernalia, they would go in class M21; Jewels and Medals would go in M22, and so on.

I am familiar with several schemes of masonic classification, made by interested masons, but they utterly fail to be of any practical value. Several public libraries have attempted classifications, but the lack of knowledge of the subject, has been the cause of some grave errors. For instance, the Library of Congress, in its treatment of Scottish Rite Literature has placed everything of this nature under the caption "Cerneau Organizations", whereas every intelligent mason knowing that "Cerneauism" is regarded throughout the masonic world as spurious and clandestine, would never look for the extensive literature of the Scottish Rite under this heading; and as this same library in its classification provides for "Non-recognized, Clandestine Masonry", Cerneauism would be properly looked for here. This is simply *one* of the errors of the Library of Congress classification.

The Subject Index following the classification, is a most important and useful feature, giving to the reader when in doubt the exact location of a given subject, and aiding the librarian in cataloguing his books, showing him to what class the books should be assigned and familiarizing him with a knowledge of the system.

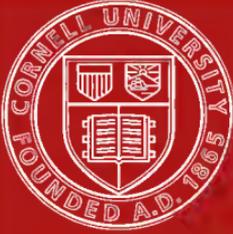
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# CLASSIFICATION

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## CLASSES

- M00 GENERAL WORKS
- M10 HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY
- M20 CUSTOMS AND PARAPHERNALIA
- M30 JURISPRUDENCE
- M40 CHARITY AND EDUCATION
- M50 ART AND ARCHITECTURE
- M60 LITERATURE AND MUSIC
- M70 SOCIETIES ADMITTING ONLY MASONS
- M80 WOMAN IN MASONRY, CO-MASONRY
- M90 NEGRO FREEMASONRY



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- M02 Societies, Transactions
- M03 Study (Schools of Instruction)
- M04 Bibliography
- M05 Libraries
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- M12 Church and State
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