

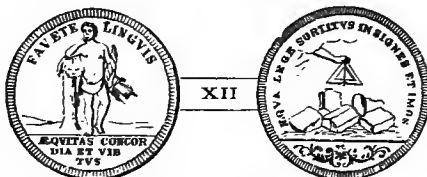
Exhibit G

THE MEDALS

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MASONIC MEDALS.

I. Probably the oldest Masonic Medal extant, is that struck in commemoration of the foundation of a Lodge in Florence by Lord Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, in the year 1733. He was 'the great grandson of Thomas Sackville, who in 1561 was Grand Master of the Masons acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of York.' Engravings of this Medal are given in the "Numotheca" of Zacharias, No. 1; in Kohler's "Munz-Belustigungen," part 8, p. 129; in Bode's "Pocket Book," (1777, No. 1,) and an impression in silver formerly existed in the valuable collection of Masonic Medals in possession of the Lodge Minerva of the Three Palms, at Leipsic, but is said to have disappeared. Obverse, Bust of Lord Sackville, to right. Legend, CAROLVS · SACKVILLE · MAGISTER · FL. Under the bust, L. NATTER 1733. Reverse, (Figure 3) Harpocrates, the god of silence, leaning upon a broken column, on his head a crown of lotus; in his left hand he holds a cornucopia. At his feet are the cubic stone, square and compasses on the right, and on the left the mystic chest, with a serpent and thyrsus, and other Masonic emblems. Legend, † AB · ORIGINE † In exergue, L · NATTER · F · FLORENT · in two lines. Struck in silver; some casts have been taken in lead. This Medal is extremely rare. Merzdorf says but one specimen is known, which was in the Hammerstein collection.

II. One of the earliest, if not the very earliest of the Masonic Medals of America, is one presented by Union Lodge, Danbury, Conn., to a son of one of their members. Obverse, Two pillars on either side of a dais, approached by three steps; that on the right, of the Ionic, and that on the left, of the Corinthian order; their capitals adorned with cubes. On the dais, three burning tapers, over which are the Bible, square and compasses. At the top, within a semicircle of rays, the All-seeing eye, and a triangle with the letter G. On the right and left of the pillars are various Masonic working tools. Above, on the right, the moon and seven stars, and on the left the sun. In the exergue, a coffin, spade, hour-glass and scythe. (Figure 4.) The reverse has an inscription engraved as follows:— "This Medal is presented by Union Lodge, Danbury, to William A. Babcock, son of their much esteemed Brother, Christopher A. Babcock, deceased, 1794." The gentleman to whom it was

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the white ground, the top of the cross extending up into the black part of the ribbon. Bronze. Size 28. The dies are said to have been destroyed.

XVIII. Obverse, Within a circle of nineteen stars, CONVENTVM FRATR.: LIB.: CEMENTAR.: COL.: AGRIP.: A°.: MDXXXV HABITVM GRATI CELEBRANT FRATRES NEERLANDICI ORDINIS IN PATRIA SVA RESTAVRATI. FESTVM SECVLARE AGENTES. A° MDCCCXXXV. in ten lines. (The Netherland brethren, keeping the centennial feast of the restoration of the Order to their fatherland, gratefully celebrate the assembly of the Masonic brotherhood held by the Lodge Agrippa, at Cologne, in 1535.) In small letters below, I. P. SCHOUBERG. F. Reverse, A radiant triangle, around which are the words, CHARTA FRATR.: COL.: AGRIP.: D.: XXIV JVN.: MDXXXV. Within the triangle are the words, PRINCIPIA NOSTRORVM ACTVVM HISCE DVOBVS PRAECEPTIS ENVNCIANTVR: OMNES HOMINES VELVTI FRATRES ET PROPINQVOS AMA ET DILIGE: DEO QVOD DEI: IMPERATORI QVOD IMPERATORIS EST TRIBVITO. in nine lines. (The principles of our acts are declared in these two maxims: Love and esteem all men as brothers and neighbors. Render to God the things that are God's, and to the Emperor the things that are the Emperor's.) [Figure 15.] Silver. Size 32. Struck by the Lodge *La Bien Aimee*, of Amsterdam, June 23, 1835, on the third centennial of the date of a reputed Masonic document, known as the charter of Cologne, (Kolner Urkunde) which is said to have been discovered in 1816. The stars allude to the nineteen names attached to the document.

XIX. Medal struck to commemorate the establishment of Mars Lodge, at Jassy, Moldavia, in 1774, by Baron Von Gartenburg Sadogusky, then Commissioner General of the Imperial Russian Army. Obverse, Mars reclining on clouds, and wearing a plumed helmet; his head turned to the right; his left hand extended, holds a wreath of laurel; his right, a 'mound;' beside him are various Masonic working tools, a square, gavel, trowel, and compasses, with a skull and bones resting on a closed book; below is a landscape with rivers. Legend, VIRTUTE ET SAPIENTIA. (By valor and wisdom.) In exergue, F. COMSTADIUS F.: SADOGURA. [Figure 16.] Reverse, Within a wreath of oak leaves, □ MOLDAV CALCULUM ALBUM ADIECERUNT MAIORES, 5·¼·4· in five lines. (The leaders have added a white stone, the Moldavian

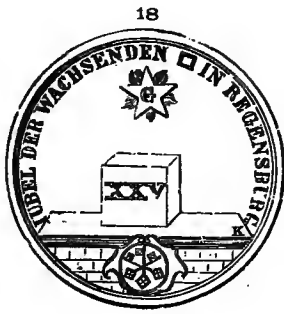
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Lodge 5744. "Majores" perhaps alludes to the Russian Generals, who united in forming this Lodge.) The master of the mint where the dies were prepared was F. Comstadius; the engraver, Stockman. Silver. Size 32. Rare.

XX. Obverse, On a mosaic pavement, a pillar resting on a cubic stone, and surmounted by a globe: a cable-tow entwined about it; at the base a closed book, a globe, gavel, square, and level. In front, St. John the Baptist holds in his extended left hand a roll, upon which he describes a circle with the compasses in his right; a crozier rests against his shoulder; at his feet are rough and perfect ashlar, and the sun is rising on the right. Reverse, In a wreath of palm leaves, tied at the bottom by a ribbon, DIE G. V. U. V. Δ ZUR SÄULE IM O. ZU BRESLAU GEST. D. 19. MAI 1774 FEIERT D. 19. MAI 1824 IHR IUBELFEST BR. M. L. BIBRACH Δ MSTR. BR. L. MAISAN DEP. Δ MSTR. in ten lines. (The true and perfect Lodge of the Pillar, Orient of Breslau, founded May 19, 1774, celebrated its jubilee May 19, 1824, Bro. M. L. Bibrach, Master of the Lodge, Bro. L. Maisan, Dep. Master.) [Figure 17.] Copper. Size 26.

XXI. Medal struck in commemoration of the dedication of the New Masonic Temple, in Boston, 1867. Obverse, View of the Temple, showing both the front and side, and the adjoining buildings. On the curb stone, in very small letters, W. N. WARDEN. above, MASONIC TEMPLE. below, BOSTON. Reverse, NEW MASONIC TEMPLE in a curved line above the All-seeing eye; under the eye, DEDICATED JUNE 24. A. L. 5867 CHAS. C. DAME in three lines; below, a square and compasses, and GRAND MASTER in a curved line. This was not struck by authority of the Grand Lodge, but by private parties. White metal, and perhaps others. Size 19. Somewhat rare.

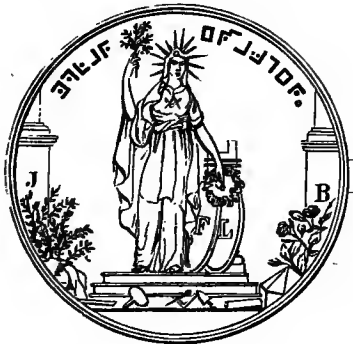
XXII. French Medal, which may have been a member's jewel, or possibly was designed to be given as a prize. Obverse, "Two right hands joined," within the square and compasses; the head of the latter forms a sun, from which issue rays, and from the joint a gavel is suspended, and sprigs of acacia issue from behind. Legend, LABORIS ASSIDUI PROEMIUM. (The reward of diligent labor.) The date 1842 at bottom. Reverse, L.: DE LA PARFAITE UNION ET S^T JEAN DU DESERT REUNIS around two branches of palm and laurel, crossed and tied by a ribbon; above which in a circular line is O.: DE VALEN-



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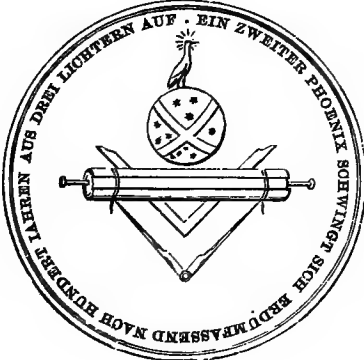
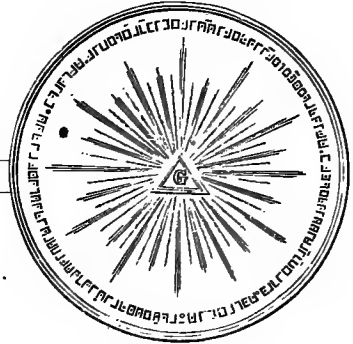


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