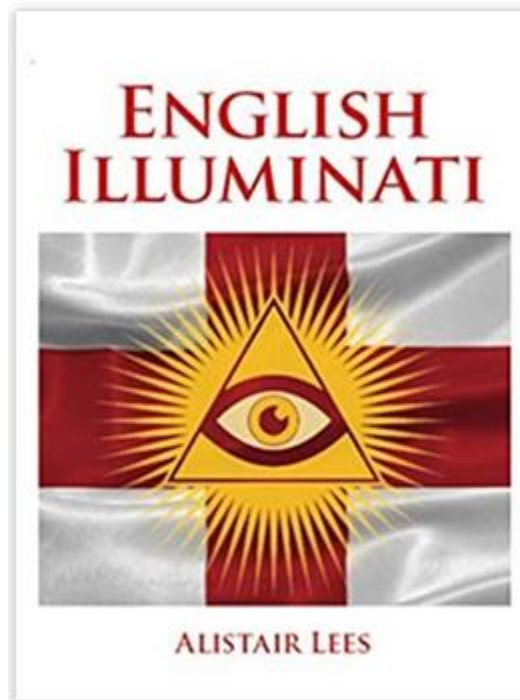


English Illuminati – Summary Book Report

English Illuminati  
Including the History of the Order of the Illuminati  
and the Mysteries of the Illuminati  
Plus the revived Illuminati Rituals and Ordinances  
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This is a summary report of this extremely well-documented book. I have attempted to summarize only the most important information from this book – as I seriously believe that the principles of this specific Illuminati Order should once again be used in our society today!

A history of the “Illuminati Orders of the Past” would be very lengthy and tiresome. Such “Orders” have been described by many “authorities” and “historians” as being active in “taking over the world”, or at least such as “taking over banking in Italy.” All serious researchers have consistently found that these accusations are entirely FALSE.

We shall be concerned in this paper with the history of the “English Illuminati” as it was formed starting in about 1877 to the present day. We shall leave the theories of the Past Illuminati Orders to the imaginations of the popular writers of history. The importance of the “English Illuminati” will become very apparent as we travel down the roads as described in this wonderful and informative book.

### **The Purpose of the Illuminati Orders and Their Revival**

“This then is the story of the revival of a non-religious secret society, whose only aim originally was the further enlightenment and education of ordinary men, women, and children, at a time when women and children had no access to any public or formal education, and even then severely limited to only a few church schools and universities. It was only then, once established, that it was grafted into Freemasonry; a delivery mechanism for the initiated and then in time, they became the initiators of these ordinary men and women.”

(“English Illuminati” by Alistair Lees, 2019, p 19)

(Note, all page references hereafter in parentheses are for this book)

### **The Original Illuminati Order (Bavaria) Formed in 1776**

History relates that the “Original Illuminati Order” was established in Bavaria (located in southern Germany) in 1776. It was then known as the “Bavarian Illuminati” and was organized by several “High Grade Masons” of the time. This -

“Order was an irregular masonic organization, because it belonged to no recognized ‘Grand Lodge’ in any country, it conferred the three craft degrees in its system, it was quasi-masonic and it allegedly made women and children masons.” (p 57)

This organization was banned 8 years later along with all other secret brotherhoods including Freemasonry on January 22, 1784. (p 95) Several other independent organizations have used a similar title over the years since then for their own various purposes.

No evidence of the Bavarian Illuminati Order appears in the historical record after 1785. [1]

### **Ancient History of the Illuminati Orders From 1776 - 1880**

A description of the ancient history of the “Illuminati Orders” can be found from the Wiki Internet files. A short summary should probably be included here for completeness (although it doesn’t really matter). [2]

“The Illuminati is a name given to several groups, both real and fictitious. Historically, the name usually refers to the Bavarian Illuminati, an Enlightenment-era secret society founded on 1 May 1776 in Bavaria, today part of Germany. The society's goals were to oppose superstition, obscurantism, religious influence over public life, and abuses of state power. "The order of the day," they wrote in their general statutes, "is to put an end to the machinations of the purveyors of injustice, to control them without dominating them." The Illuminati—along with Freemasonry

and other secret societies—were outlawed through edict by Charles Theodore, Elector of Bavaria with the encouragement of the Catholic Church, in 1784, 1785, 1787, and 1790. In the following several years, the group was vilified by conservative and religious critics who claimed that they continued underground and were responsible for the French Revolution.”

“Many influential intellectuals and progressive politicians counted themselves as members, including Ferdinand of Brunswick and the diplomat Franz Xaver von Zwackh, who was the Order's second-in-command. It attracted literary men such as Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Johann Gottfried Herder and the reigning Duke of Gotha and of Weimar.”

“In subsequent use, "Illuminati" has referred to various organisations which have claimed or have been claimed to be connected to the original Bavarian Illuminati or similar secret societies, though these links have been unsubstantiated. These organisations have often been alleged to conspire to control world affairs, by masterminding events and planting agents in government and corporations, in order to gain political power and influence and to establish a New World Order. Central to some of the more widely known and elaborate conspiracy theories, the Illuminati have been depicted as lurking in the shadows and pulling the strings and levers of power in dozens of novels, films, television shows, comics, video games, and music videos.”

### **The “English Illuminati” Book Contents**

This book provides a tremendous amount of information – that became available to the author over many, many years – that describes these organizations, their Grand Lodges, their Lodges, and their various Degrees and Rituals.

It is important that I do not present here too much information from this book – as it is copyright protected - and rightfully so – as it forms a great and beautiful reference of serious education material and explains the details of these “Illuminati Orders” in time sequence.

We do, however, want to present what the purpose of each Grand Lodge of these “Illuminati Orders” were, what their objectives were, what their Lodges were, and how they were in general operated.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to show that the objective of each of these “Illuminati Orders” was to provide important information to their members to educate them in the TRUTH of the matters of their times, to support and allow women members, and to provide Masonic Brotherhood amongst its members and their Grand Lodges on a level higher than ordinary Masonry would allow at that time!

### **The Revived Illuminati 1776 Onward**

As stated – (p 20)

“The original ‘Illuminati Order’ was an organization whose name tells you what was inside the tin; ‘a method of shedding light on the mysteries of life.’”

“The ‘Revived Illuminati’ was only one of many different ‘Orders of Light’ that had the same aim in view and that are mentioned in this book at the appropriate juncture.”

Even as early as (pp 96-97)

In May 1776 the Order of Illuminati was planted in America. [Edmund] Burke initiated Thomas Jefferson, and the later started a Society of Illuminati or Lodge at the William and Mary University in Virginia. When in the great revolutionary war this university went down, the students and professors who constituted the major portion of the members of the Society of The Illuminati continued it as the Yale University.”

“The Lodge at the Yale University made an alteration in the name of the order, in as much as they gave it to the name of the Phi – Beta – Kappa Society. This designation came from the Greek initial letters of the leading foundations of the Illuminati that is to say:

May Philosophy guide your life?

Phi =  $\Phi$  , Beta = B and K = Kappa

The “Phibetians” as they called themselves for short, however, are in no way connected with the Order of the Illuminati today.”

### **History of the Revived Illuminati Orders From 1877 – 2020**

We will now be concerned with new organizations called the “Revived Illuminati Orders” that were reconstructed and organized in Germany in 1880 and then planned to be based in Great Britain in 1901. These organizations are described in complete historical detail in this book.

In summary, there were several original organizations created and named the “Illuminati Order” during 1877 - 1901. The first was created in Munich Germany, another in Berlin Germany, another in Dresden Germany, and another in Hamburg Germany. At first, these various organizations appeared to be separate, and a few years later they became almost identical. They eventually merged into one organization with that name. They were together known as the “Prussian Illuminati.” All were formed and influenced by Theodor Ruess, a prominent Mason in Germany at the time.

Munich Germany in 1877 (The first attempt, which soon failed) (p 185)

Munich Germany “Ludwig Lodge” 1880 (p 186)

Berlin Germany in 1894 (p 101)

Munich Germany 1895 “Revived Ludwig Lodge” (p 187)

“Study Lodge of the Illuminati Chapter call Ludwig in the Orient of Munich”

Dresden Germany 1897 (p 118)

Munich and Dresden unite in 1899 into the "Munich Illuminati Lodge" (p 188)  
English Illuminati Order Proposed 1901 (p 187)

It is noted that during their formations, each group had a different set of initials on their symbol or logo. The Berlin and Munich groups seem to not have used such initials. The Dresden group used the initials "J.G.", or "J" and "G" (p 28) A Hamburg Germany group used the initials I.O. (p 67) The united Munich and Dresden group continued using the initials "J.G." This is thought to refer to the eldest son of Noah, "Japheth" and his son "Gomer". (p 118) The 'why' of this choice is very interesting.

### **Transcript of the Mysteries of the Illuminati Order Dated 1894**

A transcription is presented of "Die Mystererien Illuminaten von Caratheodoro, Berlin, 1894" by Mark Peters (with scans of the original in the book). This sets forth the objective of the Order and what the Order teaches, at that time. (pp 106-111) -

The

Mysteries of the Illuminati



There are truths, certain holy truths, which give to mankind some explanation regarding their former, present and future existence.

[skipping to]

Amongst these various wisdom schools, which teach such holy matters, and which work for the good of all men, the most important is the Order of the Illuminati.

Now is the time when such a school of wisdom is most necessary. The world has attained such a false spiritual direction, that one must really start again from the beginning, before one can instruct mankind in the higher wisdom. They must be made sensitive for the wisdom again.

The members of the Order of the Illuminati are in in a position to do this. But they do not desire that their word should be taken for this, but only that they should be judged according to their works.

They have secrets, but they use them only for the good of mankind.

The Illuminati Order possesses a threefold secret:

Which it must preserve: an outer one the purpose, operations and personalities of which are to be kept secret from the profane; an inner one in which just so much of the arrangements of the

order are to be disclosed to the members, as may be justified by the reliability, the extent of this circle of work, and his faith and zeal; and finally a sensual one, which warrants to every initiated person the understanding of the end of all things, the highest personal happiness for all eternity!

The Order teaches:

God can only be worshipped in spirit, in quiet, without words and outward signs. To grow like him is the greatest service you can render him. A silent, earnest prayer is the best kind of worship most agreeable to him.

God appears to and discloses himself also to chosen people.

The Order teaches:

The secret power of Theurgy, which makes those who have knowledge of it the masters of nature.

Theurgy is a real science, which connects the earthly with the supernatural.

All creatures attract or repel one another.

Whoever knows these laws, can prophecy and is the master of the past and of the future.

The attracting and repelling powers are to be found in animals, stones, herbs, in various signs, words and formulae.

The Order teaches:

How to heal sickness naturally.

How to prolong life.

How to conquer finiteness.



The Order embraces horticultural schools, schools for wisdom, and the esoteric circle of chosen ones.

The Initiated do not partake of any meat food, no beer, no spirits, only fruit, bread, and wine, which however, must be mixed with water. (Exceptions are only made in special cases.)

They adhere to strict moderation and seemliness. Each members is shown a point of view according to which he must act. He must be prepared to work there, where the fruits will only be reaped by hos descendants. His private affairs must only be of use to him in as much as they are of benefit to all men.

Such a man or such a woman would be welcomed by the Order. The same does not labour to benefit himself, for the members themselves decide their contribution. Entry into the Order must be sought with longing and with unbound faith.

Truth

Love, Light, Life

Patience – Fervor

Discretion.

(Secrecy)

FINIS

“Every Sin reaps its own reward.”



### **William Westcott is Proposed to Found the English Illuminati Order in Great Britain in 1901**

Due to the apparent success of these organizations in Germany, Ruess, the founder of these organizations, decided to extend the Illuminati Order into Great Britain, and then hopefully into America. For that purpose the help of William Wynn Westcott was solicited to form “the “English Illuminati” in 1901.

There was every chance and every reason to believe that the ‘English Illuminati’ would succeed in Great Britain because the job of introducing it was placed in the hands of someone who had set up one of the most infamous modern Rosicrucian Orders of all time the ‘Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn.’ It has attracted a small pool of enlightened men and women as candidates. William Wescott had also breathed new life into another Rosicrucian Order eight years before that he later headed up as their Supreme Magus and was already expanding its membership throughout the British Empire. (p 19)

All of these plans were also on a collision course with [the great war and] all of the established ‘Grand Lodges of Europe.’ However, there were several other reasons why it failed, as we will discover. (p 19)

The Golden Dawn had been established in 1888, and was it very active in Great Britain, and focused its practices on theurgy and spiritual development. [3]

It is further stated that (p 169) –

By 1902 he [Westcott] had been the head of the now flourishing order of Rosicrucian Freemasons for ten years. They were called the ‘Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia’ (S.R.I.A.). He had been a member for twenty two years.

At the time of the resurrected Illuminati he was the leader and Supreme Magus of the S.R.I.A. with several colleges in England and one in Australia. With potential colleges in (Penang) Malaya, (Natal) South Africa, (Christchurch) New Zealand, (Buenos Ayres) Argentina and four in India (Peshawar, Rawal Pindi, Madras and Bangalore). I believe this means that Westcott was in the mood to setup other orders too like the Illuminati.

Westcott had been invited several times by the existing illuminati Orders in Germany to promote an ‘English Illuminati’ Order in Britain. Three of these official letters are reproduced in the book. (p 53, p 62, p 67)

The documents stating that Westcott was a member of the Illuminati Lodge in Germany and a letter stating that the Illuminati Order was lawful are also reproduced in the book. (p 124)

### **The End of the English Illuminati**

A seemingly major blow to Westcott’s quest was that he eventually discovered that one of the rituals proposed in the “English Illuminati” was very similar to a ritual that was being used in Masonry in Britain. He found that the Illuminati’s ‘Rose-Croix Grade’ degree was too much like the 18 degree ‘Ancient Accepted Rite, Supreme Council 33 degree Prince Rose-Croix’ degree. Using this ritual would violate the Masonic agreements as set forth in the Grand Lodge of England. Therefore Westcott declined to pursue the establishment of the “English Illuminati” in Britain - as carefully stated in his letter to Rues on October 16, 1902. This essentially ended the history of the “English Illuminati”. (p 77)

Westcott was absolutely right, the ‘English Illuminati’ Rose-Croix degree is a cut down version of the ‘18d Knights of the Pelican and Eagle and Sovereign Prince Rose Croix of Heredom’ of the American Northern Jurisdiction version of the ‘Supreme Council 33d.’ As can be seen from the side by side comparison you will find in Chapter IV. (p 75)

It would be a terrible shame and a historic masonic blunder that the Revived Illuminati Orders were stopped from being allowed in Britain (and then later in America) because of the similarity of only one degree, which could have been easily eliminated!

However, the real truth is discovered, as is also carefully stated in the text: (p 73)



It is down to us to piece together what happens next! But the formal official end of the roller-coaster ride was in fact a four page letter from Westcott to Reuss on 16 October 1902 (see fig. 47) and the transcripts (fig. 498).

The letter was written [ 7 days] after the High Council meeting of the S.R.I.A. on 9 October, where Westcott probably talked to his colleagues about his next steps.

What were the other possible reasons for the 'English Illuminati's' demise?

However, I believe that the real reason behind Westcott's pulling out of the Illuminati was that this was the year he had received his first major Past Grand Ranks. They were in the United Grand Lodge of England, where he became a Past Junior Grand Deacon, and in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch, where he became Past Grand Standard Bearer, on 4 June 1902. [also before writing his letter later in October] These are significant first appointments and it had taken him thirty one years to get to this significant point in his masonic career. He was, therefore, unlikely to jeopardise these honors.

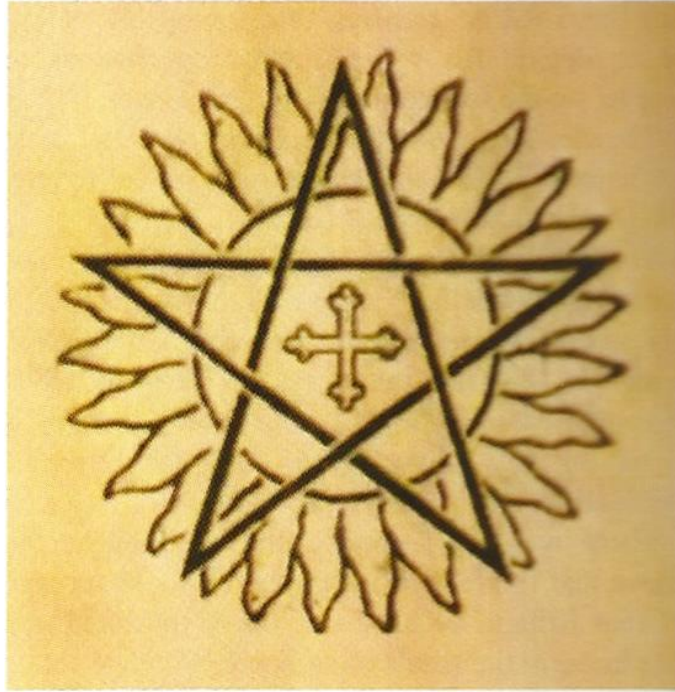
So, the real reason of cancelling of the idea of taking the 'Revived Prussian Illuminati Order' named as the 'English Illuminati' from Germany to Britain and then possibly to America - was not the issue of this one degree. No. It was really Westcott's personal worry about causing future trouble within the United Grand Lodge of England, and making very big waves within English Masonry!

One Wonders... Could the 'English Illuminati be revived today, in the form of a different organization?

Why not?

### **The Revived Illuminati Order Logos**

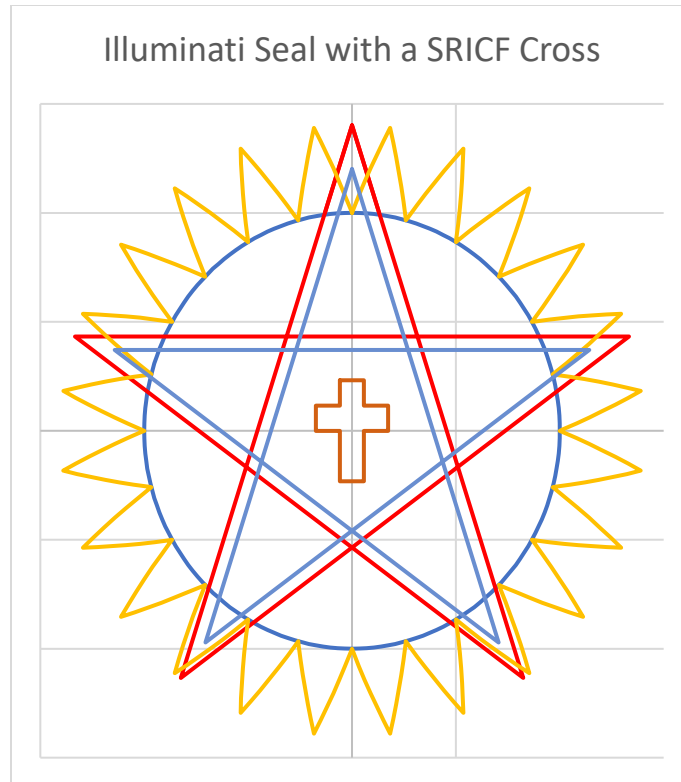
The logos for each Illuminati Grand Lodge listed above were all slightly different, with each including the following form: a circular solar disk or 'Blazing Sun' surrounded by flames, overlaid by a pentagram, with a Bottony Cross in the center. The initials used by a particular Order were placed either on the sides of the circle, or underneath it. The Bottony Cross is the symbol that was used by the Revived Bavarian Illuminati after 1897. (p 20, p 161) The solar disk probably represents the available knowledge of G\*D, with the pentagram overlaid on top denoting truth, perfection, and balance. The pentagram symbol also alludes to Sacred Geometry and 'Hidden Truth'. It also has a specific religious meaning when the arms of the pentagram are intertwined.



*Figure 3 - Revived Illuminati Logo*

It is seen that this solar disk is divided into 24 equal parts, each having its own flame, and that the circular arc cut by each flame is the same as the arc cut by the pentagram (with the flames being rotated by 7.5 degrees). Therefore, when one chooses either the diameter of the solar disk – or the size of the pentagram – then the entire geometry of the logo is determined. The interior cross symbol can be chosen and adjusted as desired.

With this in mind, I decided to use Excel to create this logo, using certain circular arcs for the Blazing Sun's flames. I also used, instead of the Bottony cross, a typical historic Rosicrucian SRICF cross made up of 6 equal squares (which when folded in 3D would form a complete cube). The size of the cross was selected and the results are presented below. [4]



### **The Revived Illuminati Objectives, Regulations ,and Rituals**

These are all discussed in Chapter IV in great detail, for each of the three Grand Lodges. (p 121-156)

My objective here is to show that their objectives are truly worthy of emulation!

We desperately need these same objectives on the internet and in the press and in the social media platforms and on the TV news today!

The Constitutions and Regulations for their Lodges include the following information. As the logo that is stamped on the first page contains the letter "J." and "G,," then this material is taken from at least the Dresden Illuminati Order during or after 1897. (p 124 – 129)

#### Purpose

1. To advance the spiritual and social life of the members of the Order by the improvement of their culture and thus to elevate and perfect their religious and moral character.
2. To enable members to benefit by each other's help and support both spiritually and materially, particularly in cases of undeserved adversity.
3. The purpose of the lodges does not extend to the furtherance of business affairs.

### Regulations (Paraphrased)

Members may join the "Illuminati Order" and then join a Lodge chartered under the Order.  
A person must first be a member of the Order before joining a Lodge.  
Each Lodge shall have its own unique seal (logo design).

Ladies may become members.

An applicant must visit a Lodge at least 3 times before requesting membership.

All members of a Lodge have equal vote at a membership (white ball/black ball) ballot.  
A rejection during voting for membership will be openly discussed.  
Rejected applicants must wait one year before applying to any Lodge in the Order.

An applicant becomes a member in a Lodge by ritual.

Members of the Order may be a member of only one Lodge.  
Members may become Honorary member of one or more other Lodges.

3 members may petition for form their own Lodge.

No Lodge has the power to curtail the rights of any member of the Order or of any other Lodge.  
Every Lodge possesses unrestrained freedom within its own limits (as explained).

Officials are elected each yearly during Lodge meetings.  
Official elections require at least 75% of all members present.  
A Lodge can have 1 or 2 presidents, 1 or 2 secretaries, and 1 or 2 treasurers.

The annual membership fee shall be at least 12 German Marks (est. 1901).  
(We should have to find out what that could buy at that time for an equivalence)  
A Lodge can determine if a member needs to pay the full fee.  
Donations are also accepted.

Annually, one-half of all fees and donations received are to be sent to the Grand Lodge.

In order to fulfill the purpose of the Lodges, the work of the Lodge includes the teachings of every Order, mutual instructs, animation of free talk, the culture of friendship and social intercourse.

Only the first part of the Lodge doctrines are used for general argument. Discussions may include any subject under the scope of the Order.  
No discussions shall include regarding politics or matters which may bring suspicion upon the Order of Lodge as to any political learning or any attitude towards existing parties.

The working purpose of a Lodge is understanding and tolerance and not opposition.

The president will silence any who disobey this.

Lectures of the sciences is supported in all its branches.

The president has the right to appoint members who after a certain period of time must give a lecture on a subject adapted to the scope of the Order.

Every member is bound to disclose his knowledge to the Lodge (without harming himself).

Every member upon his admission must state what he expects of the Order or Lodge.

Lodges may have special events, open to members and their guests, in which social events or special lectures are held. Guests must always pay a voluntary or fixed fee for this to the Lodge.

Members with repeated non-attendance can be removed from the Lodge.

Each member may inspect the work in the Lodge.

Christmas or Easter or both shall be devoted to some deed of charity.

The order of business is documented and shall be followed.

### Rituals

Each Lodge shall work the rituals as designated by their Grand Lodge in the Order. Depending on the Grand Lodge, these rituals can be different.

In the book, several sections are devoted to describing and explaining each ritual for each Grand Lodge Order. All of those rituals are fully described in the book, and will not be included here. (pp 131-156)

These are the degrees and the names as listed for the 1901 English Illuminati Order:

1<sup>st</sup> – Minerval Grade (Minerval Grade) (2 pages)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Schotten Grad (Andreas Knight Grade) (2 pages)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Rosenkreuzer Gard (Rose-Croix Grade) (4 pages)

4<sup>th</sup> – De Synoden (Ritual of the Synods) (2 pages)

It is interesting to note that – in comparison to the various Masonic rituals of today – these rituals appear to be very short! Three are only 2 pages long, and the Rose-Croix Grade is only 4 pages long! However, we recall from above that a major part of each degree is the discussion following the degree by the candidate and all of the lodge members present!

The older Bavarian Rituals are also included in the book. These are interesting, and follow in a similar pattern as the Revived Illuminati Rituals listed above. Also included is a history of the Jesuits Order and their oath. (p 165)

One particular note of interest is the description of the “Illuminati Cipher” that was said to be used in 1799 and also later in 1897. This was a simple 24 number character substitution code that probably would be easily broken, even back in that time. A more complicated symbol substitution cipher was also used for the ‘Higher Mysteries.’ (p 162)

## **Conclusions**

The Revised Illuminati Order was born in Germany in 1877, by Theodor Reuss, and was offered to become the “English Illuminati” in Great Britain in 1901. The Englishman and prominent Mason chosen to promote this quest was William Wynn Westcott, then a very famous Mason and an organizer of the Golden Dawn. The “English Illuminati” did not become a reality due to (1) conflicts with an existing ritual in England and (2) Westcott’s desire to not upset the Grand Lodge of England. This, the formation was officially stopped in a letter from Westcott to Reuss in October 1902.

These organizations were founded to extend the principles of Masonry above their existing Grand Lodge level, to allow the discussion of a wide range of natural and various non-political subjects, and to even allow women as members. They were VERY SUCCESSFUL during their early years!

The objectives of the English Illuminati were (and still are) very inspiring – and the benefits to membership were open to all! The power of the organization was held at the Illuminati Order Grand Lodge level, where the rules for the formation and operation of its Lodges were documented.

## **The Next Step**

My final conclusion is that the “Illuminati Order of America” could and should be formed immediately in the USA! And organized as an international world-wide organization!

This is desperately wanted and needed in America - and everywhere else - due to the overt suppression of real facts and data by politics, by funding, and by financial kickback schemes – in and by the television, the press, the newspapers, and the news networks. This is not politics. – This is overt suppression!

As Masons, we cannot join another organization calling itself a “Lodge” that operates “With Ritual”. To do so would violate our Masonic obligations and we would be expelled from our own Grand Lodges.

However – we could form a separate “Educational Society” that would have similar operations to these Illuminati Orders and Lodges, without ritual or degrees - and we could FORCE the Truth about current events to become available, publicized, and known!

An “American Educational Illuminati Order University” with local chapters could be formed with similar objectives and rules as set forth above, without any ritual or degrees. They could in turn function as new and independent “Illuminati Press Clubs” to obtain and publish information. Such new investigative research and unbiased reporting is desperately needed today in the USA!

The creation of the “American Illuminati Educational Group” is a worthy and desperately needed goal!

And it is needed now!

Please contact me if you would assist in this quest!

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