

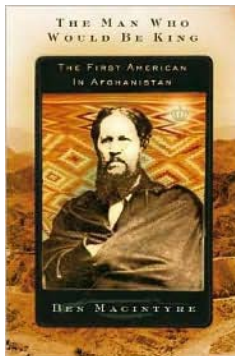
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BOOK REVIEW



"THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING"

By Ben Macintyre

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Follow the colorful, exotic, and highly entertaining journey of Josiah Harlan from his unpublished journal. For 22 years he journeys through Central Asia across the Hindu Kush, where he raised the American flag. In 1838 this American traveler, writer, naturalist, doctor, soldier & spy decided to take a trip through Afghanistan, walking in the steps of Alexander the Great. While in the Hindu Kush, Harlan successfully forged his own kingdom, which did not last long.

Josiah Harlan was from Philadelphia, PA., raised at Union Lodge No. 121 in 1819 or 21, Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

You may have read Rudyard Kipling's fictional book "The Man Who Would Be King" and/or seen the movie by the same name. After read this book you will see where Kipling received his inspiration.

Now, 150 years later, we find the United State entangled in Afghanistan and many service personal in the same mountains that Josiah Harlan traversed.

Note: Look for Dan Brown's "The Lost Symbol" due to be released on September 15, 2009 at your nearest Bookstore.

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Excerpt from: "Masonic Information For Stated Meetings"

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"WHY DIVESTED OF ALL METALLIC SUBSTANCES?"

There was offered in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree three reasons for this. The first is very important because harmony is the strength and support of our institution. The second is of very ancient origin. To the ancients, iron, one of the baser metals, was a symbol of war aggression, violent passions and disorder. Tools of iron might not be introduced into the ancient temples and in the Bible we find numerous quotations illustrating this symbolism. In Exodus 20:25 we read : *"And if thou will make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stones, for if thou lift up thine tool upon it, thou hast polluted it."*

The third reason can be explained that in the beginning we deprive the candidate of that which might suggest material development at the expense of the spiritual. Thus in the exclusion of metals we have the lesson that it is the internal and not the external qualities that make him worthy to be made a Mason. The preparation of the candidate is symbolical of that equality of all men, which is one of the fundamental doctrines of the Order. He is stripped of everything that indicates fashion, station, or wealth. The onlooker cannot tell whether he is a prince or pauper, millionaire or beggar. On the other hand, he is not deprived of any of those qualities of heart or mind or character which mark the real superiority of one man over another.

Excerpts from: "GLOSSARY OF WORDS & PHRASES FROM POLLARD PLAN BOOKLETS"

Accepted - referring to those granted membership in the fraternity and operation.

Annual per capita assessment - a required contribution to the working funds of the Grand Lodge or individual Lodge made once each year and figured as so much from each member of each lodge.

Avouched for - a statement made by a Mason which proves the proper Masonic membership of another Mason