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ENGLISH MASONIC PERIODICALS HELD BY MUSEUM OF FREEMASONRY

(Listed in chronological order)

Based on the list prepared by Rebecca Coombes for her essay *Fraternal Communications: the rise of the English Masonic Periodical* with supplementary information provided by Martin Cherry, Librarian. Those periodicals that are listed but are not on *Masonic Periodicals Online* are available to view in the Museum of Freemasonry – see catalogue at <https://museumfreemasonry.org.uk/catalogue> for details.

Freemasons' magazine: or, general and complete library

London: Printed and published by J. W. Bunney, No. 7 Newcastle Street Strand, and sold by Scratcherd and Whitaker, Ave Maria Lane, vol. I (June 1793) - vol. VII (December 1796)

Frequency: monthly

Vol. II printed by T. Burton and Co. of 28 Little Queen Street.

Vols. III and IV printed by J. Parsons of No. 21 Paternoster Row.

Vol. VI onwards printed by George Cawthorn, British Library, Strand.

Continued by: *The scientific magazine and freemasons repository*

Included in MPO as ***Freemasons Magazine***

The scientific magazine and freemason's repository

London: George Cawthorn, British Library, Strand, vol. VIII (January 1797) - vol. XI (December 1798)

Frequency: monthly

A supplement for the year was issued at the end of 1797 and 1798.

Continues: *Freemasons' magazine: or, general and complete library*

Included in MPO as ***Freemasons Magazine***

The freemasons' quarterly review

London: Printed by William Wilcockson and sold by Sherwood, Gilbert and Piper of Paternoster Row, J. Churchill of Princes Street, Soho, Stevenson of Cambridge, J. Sutherland of Calton Street Edinburgh and J. Porter of Grafton Street, Dublin, 1834 -1849

Frequency: quarterly

Continued by: *The freemasons' quarterly magazine and review*



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Included in MPO as *Freemason Quarterly Review*

The freemasons' quarterly magazine and review

London: Published for F. Crew and the proprietors by Richard Spencer,
314, High Holborn, 1850-1852

Frequency: quarterly

Continues: *The freemasons' quarterly review*

Continued by: *The freemasons' quarterly magazine*

Included in MPO as *Freemason Quarterly Review*

The freemasons' quarterly magazine

London: Published by Bro. G. Routledge & Co., Farringdon Street, and
sold by Bro. R. Spencer, 314, High Holborn, vol. I (31 March 1853) - vol. II (30
September 1854)

Frequency: quarterly

Continues: *The freemasons' quarterly magazine and review*

Continued by: *The freemasons' monthly magazine*

Included in MPO as *Freemason Quarterly Review*

The freemasons' monthly magazine

London: Bro. G. Routledge & Co., Farringdon Street and Bro. R. Spencer,
314 High Holborn, 1 January 1855 - 1 December 1855

Frequency: monthly

Continues: *The freemasons' quarterly magazine*

Continued by: *The freemasons' magazine and masonic mirror*

Included in MPO as *Freemasons Magazine and Masonic Mirror*

Masonic mirror

London: Br. Henry George Warren, [1854] -1855

Frequency: monthly

Amalgamated with: *The freemasons monthly magazine*

Included in MPO as *Masonic Mirror*

The freemasons' magazine and masonic mirror

London: Bro. Henry George Warren, 2, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, 1856-
1871



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Frequency: monthly, no. 1 (1 January 1856) - no. 12 (30 December 1857)
weekly, vol. IV, no. 1 (6 January 1858) - vol. XXIV, no. 644 (4 November 1871)
From 1868 to 1871 published by the Freemasons' Magazine Company
Limited, No. 19 Salisbury Street, Strand, W.C.

Continues: *The freemasons' monthly magazine*

Included in MPO as *Freemasons Magazine and Masonic Mirror*

The masonic observer

[London]: n.p., 1856-[1859]

Frequency: irregular, no. 1 (November 1856) - no. 3 (December 1856)
quarterly, No. V (March 20 1857) - [1859]

From No. 3 (December 1856) onwards the full title is: *The masonic
observer and Grand Lodge chronicle*

Included in MPO as *Masonic Observer*

*The masonic press: a monthly journal, review and chronicle, of freemasonry
and its kindred subjects, etc.*

London: n.p., no. 1 January 1866 - [1866]

Frequency: monthly

Details of last issue unknown.

Included in MPO as *Masonic Press*

*The Rosicrucian: a quarterly record of the societies' transactions, with
occasional notes on freemasonry, and other kindred subjects.*

London: Printed by Collins & Hearn, 1868-1872

Frequency: Quarterly

Continued by: *The Rosicrucian and red cross...*

Not included in MPO

The freemason

London: George Kenning, 1869-1951

Not published between 7 September 1940 and August 1948

Frequency: weekly

Included from 1869 until 1901 in MPO as *The Freemason*

The Kingston masonic annual

Hull: M.C. Peck and Son, Steam Printers, [187-] - [187-]



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Frequency: annual

Not included in MPO

The rectangular review: a quarterly communication on philosophy, freemasonry, archaeology, science and the fine arts

London: n. p., July 1870 - April 1871

Frequency: semi-annual

Not included in MPO

The masonic examiner: a monthly medium of information and communication for brethren of every rite and degree, recognised and un-recognised

London: Bro. Matthew Cooke, 1871 - [1871]

Frequency: monthly

Included in MPO as *Masonic Examiner*

The masonic magazine: a monthly digest of freemasonry in all its branches

London: George Kenning, 1873 - [1882]

Frequency: monthly

Details of last issue unknown.

"Supplemental to "The Freemason" printed on title page.

Included in MPO as *Masonic Magazine*

The Rosicrucian and red cross: a quarterly record of the societies' transactions, with occasional notes on freemasonry, and other kindred subjects

London: Printed by Thomas H. Hearn, 1873-1874

Frequency: quarterly

Continued by: *The Rosicrucian and Masonic record*

Not included on MPO

The Rosicrucian and Masonic record

London: Printed by Thomas H. Hearn, 1875-[1879]

Date of last issue unknown

Frequency: quarterly

Not included in MPO

The freemason's chronicle



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London: 1875-1957

Frequency: weekly

Included from 1875 until 1901 in MPO as *Freemasons Chronicle*

The Kneph: a Masonic journal devoted to the literature and philosophy of the craft: Antient and Primitive Rite

London: Printed by Bro. James Hill, 1881-1895

Frequency: varies

Not included in MPO

Masonic monthly

London: George Kenning, July 1882 – [1882]

Frequency: monthly

Details of last issue unknown

Included in MPO as *Masonic Monthly*

Masonic star: a weekly journal and record of freemasonry at home and abroad

London: Printed by the Adambury Press 59 Moore Lane, published at 124, 124 and 125 Fleet Street, 1888-1889

Frequency: weekly

Included in MPO as *Masonic Star*

Masonic review: a monthly journal of masonic and social events for freemasons

London: 1889 – 90

Frequency: monthly

Included in MPO as *Masonic Review*

The Masonic journal

Liverpool: W. and J. Pugh and Co., vol. 1, no. 1 (October 1897) - vol. 7, no. 6 (June 1905)

Frequency: monthly

Not included in MPO

Masonic illustrated: a monthly journal for freemasons

London: Printed by Spencer & Co., 15 Great Queen Street, vol. 1 – 3,



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Warrington & Co., 56 Great Queen Street, vol. 4, Warrington & Co., 23
Garrick Street, vol. 5-6, 1900-1906
Frequency: monthly
Date of final issue unknown

Included in MPO as *Masonic Illustrated*

Northern freemason

Liverpool: W. Jones and Co. Ltd., 1906-[195-]
Frequency: Monthly, Vol. 1, no. 1 (n.s., Apr. 1906) - (Sept, 1915); Bi-monthly,
(Apr.-May 1940) - (Aug.-Sept. 1940); Quarterly, (Oct.-Dec. 1940) - (Nov.-
Dec. 1942); Monthly, (Jan. 1943) - (May 1943), Bi-monthly, (June-July 1943) -
(Oct.-Nov. 1943); Monthly, (Dec. 1943) - (Jan. 1944); Bi-monthly, (Feb.-Mar.
1944) - (Oct.-Nov. 1944); Monthly, (Dec. 1944) - (Feb. 1945); Bi-monthly,
(Mar.-Apr. 1945) - (Mar.-Apr. 1951); Quarterly, (May-July 1951); Bi-monthly,
(Aug.-Oct. 1951) - (Nov.-Dec. 1951); Quarterly, (Jan.-Mar. 1952); Bi-monthly,
(Apr.-June 1952) - (Aug.-Sept. 1952); Quarterly, (Oct.-Dec. 1952)-<1957>
Exact date of final issue unknown
Includes numerous combined issues
Incorporated in *The masonic herald*

Not included in MPO

The Co-Mason

London: International Co-Masonic Order, 1909-1924
Frequency: Quarterly
Continued by: *The speculative mason*

Not included in MPO

The masonic record

London: Thomas Warden and Co., 1920-1977
Frequency: monthly
Date of final issue taken from '*International masonic periodicals 1738-
2005* p. 106
From June 1963 onwards the full title is: *The masonic record incorporating
the freemasons' magazine (1793), masonic mirror (1854), seen and
rectangular review*
Continues: *Freemasons' magazine and rectangular review*

Not included in MPO



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The speculative mason

London: International Co-Masonic Order, 1925-1955

Frequency: quarterly

Continues: *The Co-Mason*

Not included in MPO

The ray

London: n.p., 1925-1934

Frequency: three issues per year

Continued by: *The woman freemason*

Not included in MPO

Masonic news

London: printed by Press Printers Ltd, London Acre, published by Masonic News, 13 Paternoster Row, 1928-[19--]

Frequency: weekly

Date of final issue unknown

Not included in MPO

The woman freemason

London: Women Freemason Ltd., 1934-[1978]

Frequency: three issues per year

Continues: *The ray*

Not included on MPO

Freemasons' magazine and rectangular review

London: Craft Publications Trust Ltd, 1948-1963

Frequency: Quarterly, No. 645 (1948)-No. 648 (Dec. 1948); Irregular, No. 649 (Jan. 1949)-Vol. V, no. 674 (Dec.); Quarterly, Vol. V, no. 675-Vol. VIII, no. 713 (Spring 1963)

The periodical claims to have been founded in June 1793; however, there is no evidence to suggest that it is a continuation of *The freemasons' magazine: or, general and complete library*

In 1948, 1949 and at the end of its runs, the periodical changes its titles

numerous times, alternating between the original title *Freemasons'*

magazine and masonic review and *Freemasons' magazine and masonic mirror*

Incorporated into *The masonic record* in 1963



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Continues: *The freemasons magazine and masonic mirror*

Continued by: *The masonic record*

Not included in MPO

The masonic herald

Liverpool: published by Littlebury Bros. Ltd., editorial and advertisement officer 3 Crosshall St., 1957-[197-]

Frequency: quarterly

Date of final issue unknown

Incorporates: *Northern freemason*

Continues: *Northern freemason*

Not included in MPO

The masonic square: the magazine for freemasons everywhere

Walton-on-Thames: A Lewis (Masonic Publishers) Ltd., 1975-1996

Frequency: quarterly

Vol. 21 no. 4 (Dec. 1993) misprinted as Vol. 22

Continued by: *The square: the independent magazine for freemasons everywhere*

Not included in MPO

The diadem: the newsletter of Jewels of the Craft, a study and collectors circle

N.p.p.: n.p., 1990-

Frequency: quarterly

Subtitle changes from No. 44 (Spring 2002) onwards to, *Magazine of jewels of the Craft*

From No. 17 (Autumn 1994) onwards, seasons are used rather than months

Not included in MPO

Masonic philatelic club magazine

N.p.p: Masonic philatelic club, 1991-

Frequency: quarterly

'Magazine' was added to the title from No. 55 (Jan. 1992) onwards

Not included in MPO

The masonic compass: the journal and newsletter of the international masonic poetry society



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Penybontfawr: International Masonic Poetry Society, 1993-

Frequency: quarterly

From No. 19 onwards the journal is issued in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter

Not included in MPO

Freemasonry today

London: Freemasonry Today Ltd., 1997-2007

Frequency: quarterly

Issue 19 recorded as January 2002 rather than Winter

Issue 20 recorded as April 2002 rather than Spring

Continued by: *Freemasonry today: the official journal of the United Grand Lodge of England incorporating MQ magazine*

Not included in MPO

The square: the independent magazine for freemasons everywhere

Walton-on-Thames: A Lewis (Masonic Publishers) Ltd., 1997-

Frequency: quarterly

Vol. 33, no. 3 (Sept. 2007) incorrectly numbered Vol. 34, Vol. 33, no. 5

(Dec. 2007) incorrectly numbered 35

Continues: *The masonic square: the magazine for freemasons everywhere*

Not included in MPO

Grand Lodge news

London: n.p., [19--]-2001

Frequency: quarterly

Exact date of final issue unknown

Until 14 Sept. 1994 periodical was untitled. Adopted this title on 8 Sept. 1999

Continued by: *MQ magazine: official publication of the United Grand Lodge of England*

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MQ magazine: official publication of the United Grand Lodge of England / United Grand Lodge of England

London: MDA Communications on behalf of the United Grand Lodge of England, 2002-2007



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Frequency: quarterly

Continues: *Grand Lodge news*

Continued by: *Freemasonry today: the official journal of the United Grand Lodge of England incorporating MQ magazine*

Not included in MPO

Freemasonry today: the official journal of the United Grand Lodge of England incorporating MQ magazine

London: MDA Communications on behalf of the United Grand Lodge of England, 2007-

Frequency: quarterly

Continues: *MQ magazine: official publication of the United Grand Lodge of England*

Continues: *Freemasonry today*

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