

[Book Review by Neil Morse, July 2007]

***INTERNATIONAL MASONIC PUBLICATIONS 1738-2005: A Bibliography of the Library of the Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup>, SJ.***

**Larissa P Watkins. ISBN 978-1584561726**

It is most important to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the subtitle of this volume, which is NOT a full listing of worldwide masonic journals or periodicals.

It is an annotated list of the 'overseas' material in the Library of the SC[SJ]. As such it is a companion to *American Masonic Publications 1811-2001* [ISBN 978-1584561132].

It appears to me that, in the future, an 'imprimatur' will be given to the 25 Australian masonic journals included in this volume. In fact, in my 'in preparation' bibliography of Australian masonic publications, I utilise the notation 'not in Wilkins'; not that it will be particularly useful or definitive to readers, but rather as a respectful nod of the head to Watkins. In my *assemblage* I have also used the on-line catalogue of the Library of the UGLE listings. Why wasn't Watkins's work posted on the 'net first – it is made for this technology.

Not in Watkins

[in no order]

*Victorian Masonic Journal*

*Freemason's Chronicle of Australia*

*Tasmanian Magazine and Masonic Register*

*The Australian Masonic News*

*The Mason*

*The Victorian Craftsman*

*Masonry*

*The Victorian Masonic Magazine* and [my favourite]

*Fellowcraftsman and Times of Collingwood*

A Curious Inclusion

The curious [to me] inclusion is *The Blazing Star*. Although it has not been Watkins's previous practice to include periodicals outside the 'mainstream', the inclusion of this one is surprising. *The Blazing Star* was a quarterly published for the 'International Society for Masonic Research', based in Sydney but obviously with a somewhat wider purview than ANZMRC in sight!

There were only four issues, February, May, and August 1923 and February 1924 [The first being the only issue held by the SC].

The contents can be found at

<http://www.austheos.org.au/indices/BLZSTR.htm>

The appearance of an article entitled *Freemasonry and the Egyptian Mysteries (A Record of Clairvoyant Investigations)* written by a C. W. L. should be a distinctive guidepost [or a dead giveaway] to the source of this publication; an important point not acknowledged by Watkins.