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Pearl

When she saw her new palace in adorned with ornamentation suggestive of the cryptic symbols of Freemasonry, Catherine had it pulled down. With the decline of cathedral building, some lodges of operative working masons began to accept honorary members to their declining membership.

Freemasonry

Weir, John, Robert Burns — The Freemason, Lewis Masonic, 1986.

History of Freemasonry in Russia

Cross is able to reconstruct the complicated power-play between various masonic obediences during the latter half of the eighteenth century and how Russian elites as well as the Empress herself responded to the challenges.

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Enlightenment, Impact of

The reason for the exit was: the disagreement of the brothers with the domestic policy pursued by the then leadership of Grand Lodge of Russia. It was a spiritual community of people united in an effort to contribute to the prosperity of the Motherland and the enlightenment of the people living in it.

Douglas Smith (Author of Former People)

At that time, Masons were stone workers hired by kings and churches in England, Scotland and France to build great castles and cathedrals. There are also special orders for boys and girls.

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