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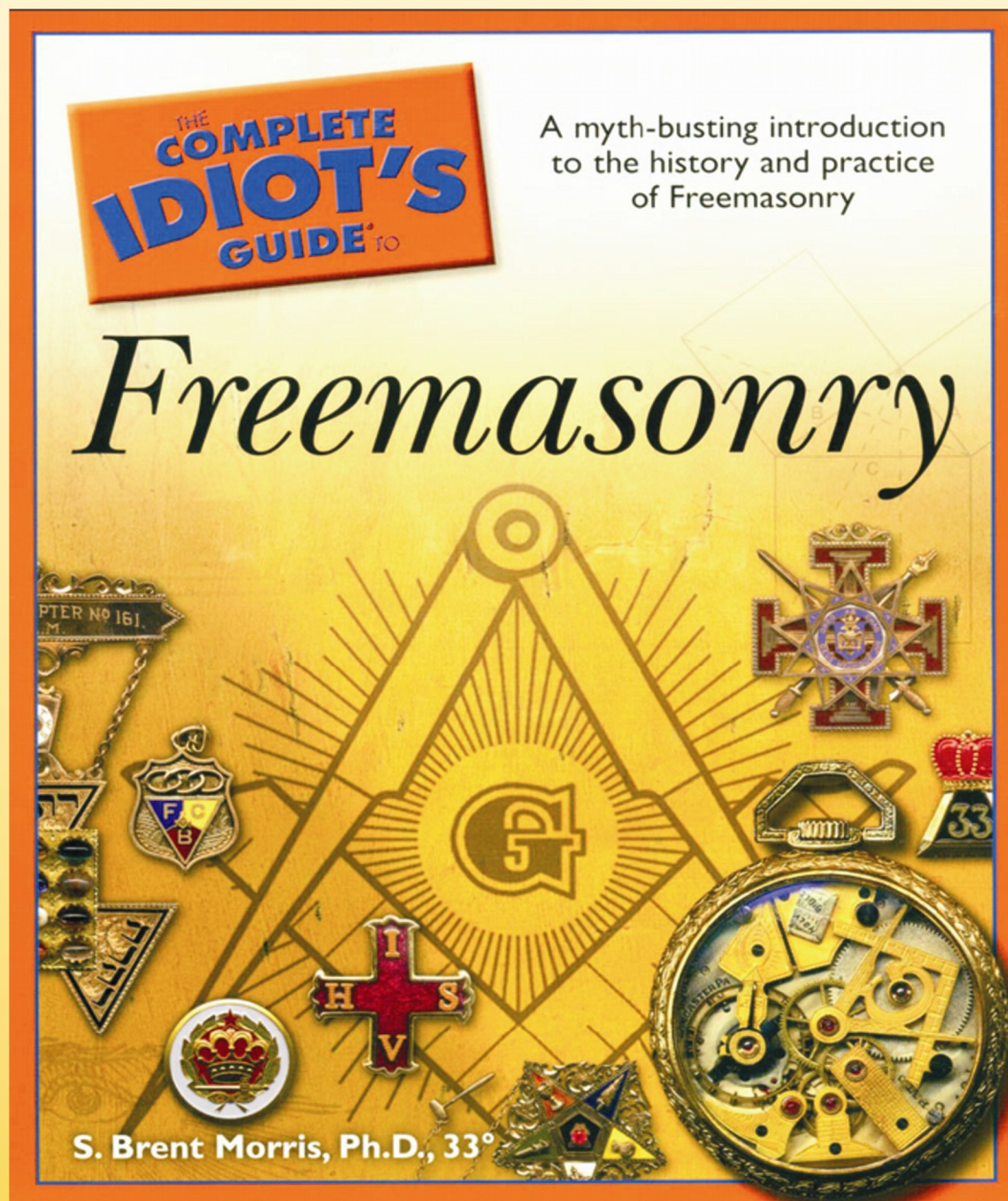
**S. Brent Morris, Ph. D., 33°**

April 14, 2007 at the Raleigh Masonic Temple  
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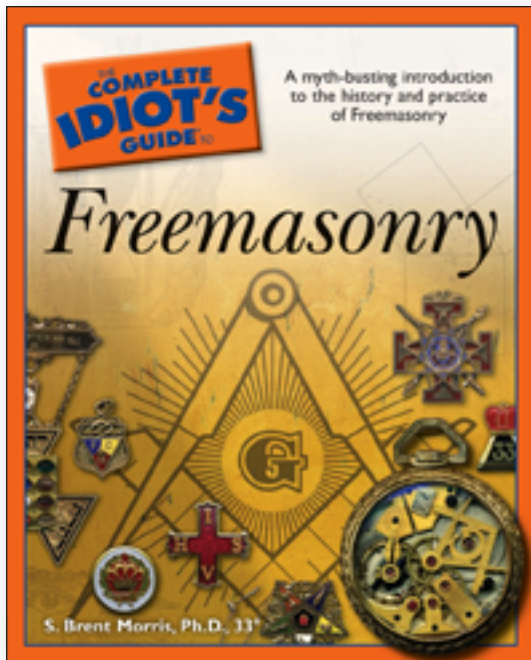
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