

The Big Masonic Scandals

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The Morgan Affair

- Sep 1826 – disappearance of William Morgan in NY set off 25 years of anti-Masonic hysteria
 - Not sure if he was even a Mason – may have lied his way in
 - Morgan announced he would publish the secrets of the Masons
- Masons threatened to get his publisher
 - burned his publisher's (William C. Miller) offices
- Had Morgan arrested and a few days later, Masons from the Batavia, NY lodge abducted Morgan
 - carried him off to Ft. Niagara on Lake Ontario
 - Some say they tried to have him killed by Canadians
 - others that they threatened him and gave him \$500 and a horse
- Morgan was never seen again
 - (some say he was drowned)
 - A body was discovered on Lake Ontario but was not him

The Morgan Affair Cont.

- 26 men (Masons) were indicted
 - but only 6 were tried – none for murder
 - 3 were sent to jail for 3 yrs, 2 yrs, and 3 months
 - Many hard feelings because the press pointed out that the prosecutor and many of the jurors were Masons
- The result was a firestorm of protest that spread across the US
 - The public believed the Masons had killed Morgan and received special treatment
 - Even the NY Governor – DeWitt Clinton was a Mason

The Morgan Affair Cont.

- William Morgan's book "exposing" the Masons was published (after his death)
 - was an instant bestseller – everyone loves a scandal
- 100 anti-Masonry meetings were held in NY in 1827
- Over 3000 people marched on the Batavia Lodge – attacked the Masons and looted the Lodge
- Next year – an anti-Masonic convention held in Utica, NY
- Over next 5 yrs – it went national
 - By 1829 over 100 anti-Masonic newspapers were being published
 - In 1831 – the Anti-Masonic Party was formed with former Mason - William Wirt as the leader



**Captain William
Morgan**

The Morgan Affair Cont.

- The Anti-Masonic Party carried Vermont in the national election
 - They got 8% of the national vote
 - They elected Governors in Vermont and Pennsylvania
 - The Platform – Masonry was anti-democratic and anti-American – and opposed to Christianity – drive them out
- Caused much of Masonry to go underground
 - Caused several State Grand Lodges to close
 - Masonic membership dropped from 100,000 in 1827 to less than 40,000 ten years later

Leo Taxil

- Leo was a con artist – in 1879 – when 25
 - Decided to capitalize on anti-Catholic sentiment in France
 - Started writing against the Catholic Church – it didn't go so well
 - 1881 – joined a Masonic Lodge
 - Expelled after his first degree
 - Decided to combine his two pet peeves and get even with both
 - 1885 – Trotted off to join the Catholic Church
 - Admitted to all sorts of sins – murder – etc.
 - To see how far the church would go

More Leo

- As a newly outraged Catholic he started writing all sorts of articles against Freemasonry
 - It was “big seller” and the public lapped it up
 - To his amusement he became the “darling” of the Catholic hierarchy
 - Granted an audience with Pope Leo XII
 - The Pope was a big fan and wanted more
- Taxil invented wonderful stories about Albert Pike and Palladism and Luciferian Masonry
 - Since Pike passed away in 1891 there was no refutation or slander suits



Leo Again

- The public loved it even more
 - He wrote about the nonexistent female Palladism lodges too
- The Bishops got into it too
 - condemning Freemason lodges and their “female harems”
- On April 19th, 1897 he rented an auditorium in Paris and dropped the bombshell
 - Everything he had written was a big hoax (OK – Lie)
 - Specifically meant to humiliate the Church and their gullibility
 - A 33 page confession was placed in the papers the following week
 - Left happy with a big wad of cash – died 1907
- Yet 100 yrs later his writings are still quoted by Masonic detractors

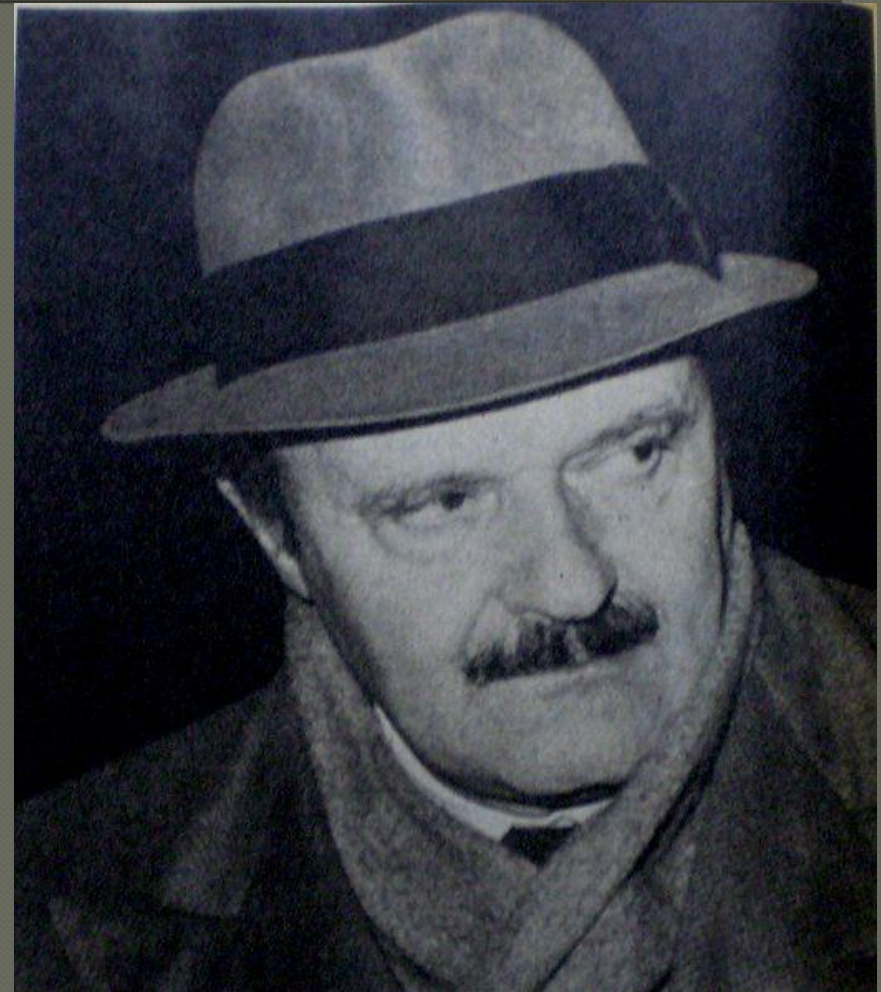


The P2 Lodge Affair

- 1895 – Italy – A Lodge opened called Propaganda Due (pronounced dooey or 2)
 - Italy was rife with corruption and close to anarchy
 - Lodge was filled with unscrupulous businessmen – including Mafia
- By 1976 it became so bad – the Grand Lodge ordered it shut down
 - The Charter was revoked
 - The WM – Lucio Gelli – went right back into business and called the group – P2



- P2 member Roberto Calvi – a Milanese Banker –
 - was busy smuggling money out of the country
- Along with Mafia banker Michelle Sindora
 - Who also managed the Vatican's investments
 - Between the two of them they embezzled about \$50 million
 - Then they got the heck out of town
 - Of course, the Vatican was not pleased



P2 again

- 1981 – the scandal hits the papers
- Since there were still P2 members in government
 - the public confidence plummeted
 - and the government fell in May
- And, of course, the Masons were to blame
 - Masons were also blamed for assassinating Pope John Paul the First after only 33 days in office
 - And, bombing a train – killing 80
 - Those Freemasons.....

More P2

- 1982 – Calvi shows up again in London
 - hanging by a rope from Black friars bridge
 - Pockets filled with bricks - feet dangling in the Thames
 - The bricks were clear proof it was the Masons
- For 20 years it was the Freemasons that were at fault
 - In 2005 – new evidence fixed the blame on Mafia boss Pippo Calo
- Never-the-less Masons are still blamed



In Summary

- The Big ones
 - The Morgan Affair and murder.....
 - Leo Taxil and his hoax
 - The P2 Affair that brought down a government
- There are more scandals and shenanigans
 - And a lot of conspiracy theories
- Please, learn about them and when spoken of – provide the truth to any and all who ask
- Freemasons have no secrets other than their ritual and the passes