



Masonic Chapter Pennies

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.An excerpt from the beginning: TO the ordinary numismatist these tokens are almost a terra incoquita. The Masonic collector may have a few specimens, but not many as members of the fraternity cherish these very highly, and seldom part with their own specimen. Again it is the custom of some chapters to refuse to exchange or supply anyone not a member of their chapter with specimens. The Mark Penny when received by a member of the fraternity is supposed to be inscribed with his own particular mark, and as soon as selected placed on record, never to be changed, but to remain his mark until the day of his death. The mark is not a mere ornamental appendage of the degree but is a sacred token of the rites of friendship and brotherly love. Marks or pledges of this kind were of frequent use among the ancients under the name of tessera hospitilis and arrhabo. The nature of the tessera hospaltalis cannot be better described than in the words of Scholiast on the Media of Euripides, v.613, where...

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