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Over the arch is superimposed a Keystone in silver, completing the arch. Below are the latin words, Lapis Reprobatus Caput Anguli – the stone which was rejected has become the head of the corner.

In the centre at the top is a representation of man's right hand, bearing a Keystone in the manner of a Mark Man presenting his right hand to receive his wages.

At each side stands a figure: that on the left being a workman from the quarries bearing a Keystone; that on the right being a man wearing the white apron of a mason and holding an axe ready to inflict punishment

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Within the circle there is a grey cinquefoil knot on a white background representing the Star of Solomon, overlaid with a white Keystone. In the centre of the Keystone is a Triangle in crimson, the Mark Masters Mark of Approval.

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