



Chapel in the Sky: Knox College s Old Main and Its Masonic Architect (Hardback)

By R. Lance Factor

Northern Illinois University Press, United States, 2009. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 157 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Factor uncovers the architectural mysteries of Knox College s beloved Old Main. Knox College s Old Main - a national landmark and the only extant building that was a site of the Lincoln-Douglas debates - is a campus treasure with a secret. Built in 1857, Old Main was designed by Charles Ulricson, a Swedish-born immigrant who was trained by Freemasons. In Chapel in the Sky , Knox faculty member Lance Factor decodes the symbols of this beloved building and explores how an ardently anti-Mason administration came to hire Ulricson. The mysterious Masonic architect left his legacy on both Knox s Old Main and the Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover, Illinois. Ulricson (1816-1887), born to an elite family in Stockholm, emigrated to the United States in 1835, arriving in New York City with empty pockets. Ulricson found work as a draftsman in the firm of Ithiel Town and Alexander Jackson Davis, America s premier antebellum architects and the leaders of the Greek, Gothic, and Tuscan revivals. From Davis, Ulricson learned that architects belonged to a sacred priesthood. From Town, Ulricson...



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