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**ANDRZEJ STRUG (1871-1937).  
FREEMASON-REVOLUTIONIST**

Andrzej Strug (real name – Tadeusz Gałeczki, 1871-1937), a popular writer devoted his whole life to the most loftily meant idea of the liberation of man. He was a permanent revolutionist, representing those free and rebellious minds, which understood that disrespect and oppression of people arise out of a satisfaction from the achievement of aims, and a trust in dogmas and leaders. He was an uncompromising and relentless kind of person, never indulged himself with an automatisim of thoughts or deeds. He did not care for his career and never did anything to live in comfort. As a matter of fact Strug was a fighter by nature. His openly shown attributes were gentleness, restraint and sense of measure, however his intense consciousness of morality made him become a fighting man, first as a member of underground socialistic movement to overthrow Russian invaders of partitioned Poland, during the World War I a legionaire in Piłsudski's Legions and eventually, in independent Poland, a senator, humanist and citizen as well as the Sovereign Commander of the Supreme Council and the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Poland. As a member of each he earned the greatest respect of his entourage. In his deeds he followed his words, his life well mirrored his written works. Strug's freemasonry experience was the fondation of his novel *The Island of Oblivien* where in a literary attractive style he presented misterious and complex process of leaving revolutionary ideas for freemasonry ones by main character of the novel.