

# Chapter III

## **Further Light**

Further Light or Knowledge is a quest for each Mason. Each of our communications needs to contain a portion truly Masonic, by shedding light on Masonry. Not only so each

# THE LODGE SYSTEM OF MASONIC EDUCATION

*By: The Bureau of Masonic Education of Monroe County*

The purpose of L.S.O.M.E. (The Lodge System of Masonic Education 1-2-3-4 book) is to guarantee that every candidate be properly instructed in the fundamentals that every newly made Mason ought to know. It should be used in conjunction with the new L.S.O.M.E. 1-2-3-4 Video Tape.

So often the new Brother enters through the Inner Door, receives his three Degrees, attends a few meetings and then drops from sight. Did the Lodge fail to retain his interest during this period of his Masonic career? Did it give him guidance and encouragement until he had time to form habits of interest and activity for himself? Without Direction and Education the Newly Raised Brother is likely to stop attending Lodge after a few meetings, retain his membership for a few years and then drop out. If followed and used properly, the Lodge System of Masonic Education 1-2-3-4 book can help to alleviate this problem. The book consists of four sections, each containing four subjects. Each section is covered in four different meetings where the candidate meets with the Education Team.

## THE EDUCATION TEAM:

The Master must appoint at least four brethren to this team. They must be the most knowledgeable Masons available. Each member should specialize in one of the sections. The first meeting is held before the candidate takes the First Degree. The purpose of this first meeting is to introduce the candidate to Freemasonry and prepare him, in mind and spirit, to receive initiation. The remaining meetings take place once after each Degree, including the Third Degree. The purpose of these meetings is to explain to our new Brother what it all means, especially the obligation he takes, and to prepare him for the next step. The Team will emphasize the philosophy of Masonry, its teachings and its messages.

After the new Brother has received the Third Degree, he needs to know and understand his duties as a Master Mason as well as his rights and privileges. Any questions concerning the Ritual of the Third Degree are clarified by the Team. Lodge Organization and Lodge Etiquette are also presented at this time.

It is not only the Candidate and New Brother who profits by this system. The Lodge itself is strengthened by having new members who from the beginning are able to take part in its activities, who are likely to become regular attendees, and who can quickly grasp the aims and purposes of the Lodge's endeavors. For maximum effect, use this program with the "Mentoring Program" starting on page 34.

The Lodge System of Masonic Education is also a vital tool for refreshing the minds of all Masons and is suggested for use on evenings when no designs are upon the trestle-board. See the "Education Night Program" on page 93.

## **"Education Night Program"**

It is imperative, following the Raising of a Brother to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, that we acquaint him with the customs and practices of our Craft. A program designed for that purpose could be a refresher course for our established Brethren and a real education for the newly raised. The following subjects should be discussed at the initial meeting following the Third Degree.

- 1) Read and discuss the Fourth section of the "Lodge System of Masonic Education".
- 2) Discuss the Duties and Responsibilities of the Master and explain that ALL Lodge discussion goes through the Master.
- 3) Discuss the Duties and Responsibilities of the Officers of the Lodge.
- 4) Explain the different Aprons of Masonry.
- 5) Explain Grand Honors, the Sign of Fidelity, the Master's Carpet, the Ballot Box and the use of the Gavel.
- 6) Review the Signs, Grips and Words.
- 7) Explain the relationship and organization of Grand Lodge.
- 8) Discuss the use and meaning of the Bible.
- 9) Talk about the Masonic Memorial Service.
- 10) Answer all the new Brothers' questions.

The Leadership Development Course and publications available from Grand Lodge, including the "Standard Works and Lectures" ritual book, the Monitor and Masonic Etiquette books and the Masonic Service Association's Short Talk Bulletins should be explained.

Although it is part of the Standard Work, it is rare that we hear the Questions and Answers of the Third Degree. This is an ideal time to do that. Not only would the newly raised Brother(s) benefit, but many of the seasoned Brethren have never heard them and would benefit from hearing them.

While a Lodge meeting is formal in nature, there is nothing in the Constitutions to prevent a little levity, a welcoming atmosphere and camaraderie while maintaining proper decorum and etiquette. Encourage questions and participation from the side lines. Any meeting conducted in such a manner would be highly beneficial to all.

## MASONRY AT HOME

Most of the Service Letters are made up of suggestions for Lodge officers planning Masonic programs in the Lodge Room. This one may also be so used, but it has the added purpose of giving the individual Mason a program he can develop at home.

**BOOKS FOR ALL MASONIC READERS.** The number of books and pamphlets available through the Livingston Library and Museum is about 60,000. Not all of them are suitable for the general reader, but on most subjects there are several good standard books which almost every Mason will enjoy. For example, Masonic philosophy forms the subject matter for dozens of interesting books by as many different authors.

With such a large number of books, our experience shows the need for some sort of guidance for those who want to read. This guidance has been developed over a period of years and takes two forms; (1) Reading Courses for Masons who want to follow a prescribed program; and (2) Reading Lists for those who prefer to choose their own books, but who appreciate a few suggestions regarding subjects and titles.

**READERS' LIBRARY PRIVILEGES.** It is generally known but will bear repeating here, that any Master Mason in good standing in a New York State Lodge may borrow books for a period of three weeks, subject to renewal for three weeks upon request. This service is furnished without fee and without expense other than postage when material is returned by mail. Books may be chosen from the following lists, or requested by subject.

**YOUR PERSONAL MASONIC REFERENCE SHELF.** Several books are among the working tools of a Mason and will be useful for study and reference throughout life. We recommend that your personal copy be purchased from the Committee on Lodge Sales, Room 1, Masonic Hall, 46 West 24th Street, New York, New York 10010.

Ancient Craft Masonry in New York State (Ritual)  
Monitor of the Work, Lectures & Ceremonies, New York  
Our Stations and Places, *by Henry G. Meacham*  
Handbook of Masonic Law (Grand Lodge of New York, 1986, Includes  
the Book of Constitutions, with latest Supplement)

### BOOKS ON THE HISTORY OF THE CRAFT

A Masonic Guide for the Empire State, *by Richard Brown*  
Masonic Trails of Early New York, *by Wilmer E. Bresee*  
New York Freemasonry, A Bicentennial History, *by Herbert T. Singer*  
The Washington Masonic Shrine at Tappan  
Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers, *by Ronald E. Heaton*  
10,000 Famous Freemasons, *Missouri Lodge of Research, W. Cook, Editor*  
Transactions of the American Lodge of Research, New York  
Transactions of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, England  
Colonial Freemasonry, *Missouri Lodge of Research, W. Cook, Editor*  
Modern Historical Characters in Freemasonry, *by John H. Van Gorden*

BOOKS ON THE HISTORY OF THE CRAFT (Continued)

Histories of Grand Lodges (Many Grand Lodges have published histories in book or pamphlet form - please request individually by name)  
Histories of Lodges (Many New York Lodges have published histories - please request by Lodge Name or Number or by County or area of interest)  
The Craft, a History of English Freemasonry, *by John Hamill*

BOOKS ON MASONIC SYMBOLISM, PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATION

Biblical Characters in Freemasonry, *by John H. Van Gorden*  
Our Stations and Places, *by Henry G. Meacham*  
One Common Purpose, *by Charles H. Johnson*  
The Spirit of Freemasonry, *by William Hutchinson*  
The Royal Arch, *by George E. Steinmetz*  
The Genesis of Freemasonry, *by Douglas Knoop & G.P. Jones*  
Masonic Charities, *by Pollard & VanGorden*  
The Meaning of Masonry *by W.L. Wilmshurst*  
A Treasury of Masonic Thought, *by Carl Glick*  
Freemasons' Guide and Compendium, *by Bernard E. Jones*  
Masonic America, Volumes I and II, *Knight Templar Magazine*  
The Old Gothic Constitutions, *by Wallace McLeod*  
Masonic Symbolism, *by Charles C. Hunt*

BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS MASONS

George Washington	Harry S. Truman
Smith Webb	Winston Churchill
Ezra Ames	Franklin D. Roosevelt
Benjamin Franklin	Andrew Jackson
Haym Salomon	Frank S. Land
Elias Ashmole	Edwin Booth
Daniel O. Tompkins	DeWitt Clinton
Robert R. Livingston	Theodore Roosevelt
Salem Town	Paul Revere
The Marquis de la Fayette	Giuseppi Garibaldi
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	Robert Burns

(And many more, both in published volumes and from the biographical folders in the Library and Museum)

Please write for further information regarding specific areas of interest  
Also see "READING COURSE PROGRAM," (on page 96)

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### Reading Course Program

Welcome to the Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library & Museum! The Library's research collections are open to the public Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30. The Library also maintains a circulating collection for the use of members of the fraternity. Books may be borrowed in person or through the mail. A borrower's registration form is below.

The Library currently offers 12 Reading Courses, which are described in more detail on the next page. Enrollment in a Reading Course is open to Master Masons who are members in good standing of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Books are lent through the mail for a period of 3-weeks and may be renewed for an additional 3-week period, either through the mail or by phone. Arrangements may also be made to pick up materials in person. As with all circulating books, you will be responsible for the return in good condition of all Reading Course books lent to you, and for the payment of return postage on all materials. There is no other charge for participation in a Reading Course.

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#### Library Registration Form

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Grand Lodge Registry ID Number \* \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to enroll in reading Course number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like borrowing privileges, but do not choose to enroll in a Reading Course as this time.

\* If you are a newly made Mason and do not yet have a Registry ID number, please contact your Lodge Secretary and have him submit your name to the Grand Lodge Registry Dept. In the interim, you may still register for Reading Courses, but please have the Master or Secretary of your Lodge sign this form.

## Reading Course Descriptions

- No. 1** **INTRODUCTORY COURSE.** 6 books. These books have been selected to provide a brief general overview of the history and philosophy of Freemasonry.
- No. 2** **STANDARD COURSE.** 14 books. This course includes all the books in the Introductory Course plus 9 additional titles which cover more specific topics.
- No. 3** **ADVANCED COURSE.** 13 books. A selection of specialized materials on Masonic history, philosophy and symbolism, designed as a continuation of the Standard Course.
- No. 4** **AMERICAN HISTORY COURSE.** 8 books. This course illustrates the role which Masons and Masonry have played in the history of the United States with primary emphasis on the colonial, revolutionary and early federal periods.
- No. 5** **RECREATIONAL COURSE.** 10 books. An assortment of essays, fiction and light history.
- No. 6** **WARDEN'S COURSE.** 12 books. This course is designed to help Lodge Line Officers prepare for the Master's Chair. Includes material on Masonic Law, Lodge methods, and symbolism.
- No. 7** **PAST MASTER'S COURSE.** 8 books. Works selected to enhance your Masonic knowledge. Concentrates on early Masonic history and philosophy.
- No. 8** **DISTRICT DEPUTY'S COURSE.** 10 books. Primarily material on leadership and public speaking, with 1 work each on ritual, Masonic philosophy, and Masonry's status in the American legal system.
- No. 9** **ROYAL ARCH INTRODUCTORY COURSE.** 6 books. An overview of Royal Arch philosophy and symbolism.
- No. 10** **ROYAL ARCH INTERMEDIATE COURSE.** 10 books. Continues from Course 10, with a stronger emphasis on historical and biblical figures.
- No. 11** **SCOTTISH RITE COURSE.** 11 books. Books about the history and philosophy of the Scottish Rite. This course also includes the Van Gorden series on historical characters in Freemasonry.
- No. 12** **MASONIC ANTIQUE COLLECTOR'S COURSE.** 6 books. Books related to the popular hobby of collecting objects related to Freemasonry.

## **A SUGGESTED TALK TO THE NEWLY RAISED MASON**

As a Master Mason who has signed the by-laws, you are now a full-fledged member, not only of this Lodge but of Freemasonry as a whole. You have received the highest degree you can ever receive in Masonry, the Third Degree, and you are eligible for the highest of all Masonic offices, that of Grand Master. YOU are a member in good standing of the greatest fraternal order the world has ever known.

As a Master Mason, you have arrived. Have you anything more to do, anything further to learn? Of course you have. As a Master Mason, you are in the position of a man who has just been graduated from college. You have received your diploma. Your classes are over. But you are not fully educated. In fact, you are just beginning. The last act in the ceremony of graduation is called Commencement. This is your Masonic commencement. You are now ready to begin to live and improve yourself as a Mason. Your Brothers are still here to help you, on proper occasions, but not to lead you as they have in your progress through the Degrees. As a Master Mason, you are on your own.

It will be useful to you, at this commencement of your career as a Master Mason, to become acquainted with a few of the privileges which are now yours, and a few unfamiliar matters of Masonic procedure and etiquette. We want you, before anything else, to feel at home in your Lodge, and we know that the many ceremonies and instructions which you have so recently received may have left you with the impression that a Masonic lodge is a strange place, with strange customs difficult to follow. The purpose of these remarks is to help you feel at home among your brothers.

First of all, as you know, the presiding officer is called the MASTER, and by ancient custom he has a title, which is WORSHIPFUL. He has wider responsibilities, and therefore greater power, than the presiding officers of most other organizations. His principal assistants are the two WARDENS, Senior and Junior. Lodge meetings are called COMMUNICATIONS, and may be either Stated Communications or Special Communications. Stated Communications are those meetings fixed by the by-laws for a definite time and place. Special Communications for particular purposes may be called by the Master at any time, provided reasonable notice is given. When a Lodge is officially in session it is said to be OPEN, and none but members or authorized Masonic visitors may enter. When it is not officially in session it is CLOSED.

Another thing you may have noticed is our use of gavels. The GAVEL is an emblem of authority. One stroke of the Master's GAVEL calls the Lodge to order; one stroke also indicates the conclusion of a particular item of business or discussion, or emphasizes an order; and, if members of the Lodge are standing, one stroke of the GAVEL directs them to take their seats. Two strokes of the GAVEL are a signal to the officers to rise to their feet; three strokes mean that everyone in the Lodge room should rise.



You have learned and practiced the various signs, grips and words of the three degrees. You should practice them again before you leave this meeting, to be sure you understand and remember them, because in every Lodge Communication you will be expected to give some of them, and you will need to know them if you visit another Lodge when there is no one to vouch for your identity as a Master Mason.

Another sign used in New York and some other jurisdictions is the SIGN OF FIDELITY, which is made by placing the right hand over the heart. It is given only when standing, and only when clothed as a Mason, that is, when wearing an apron. This sign is used by the members when addressed by the Master or one of the Wardens; it is also given during obligations and prayers, whenever the Senior Deacon attends at the Altar, by a Brother when he wishes to address the Master and when the National Colors are presented and the Pledge of Allegiance repeated. The SIGN OF FIDELITY is also given when the Grand Master enters the Lodge, and at some ceremonies outside the Lodge room when the apron is worn.

A kind of ceremonial sign, called GRAND HONORS, is given only when specifically called for, as follows: (demonstrate).

During the course of a Stated Communication the Lodge may ballot on candidates for membership by initiation or affiliation. These men will have been investigated in the same manner that you were and will then be ready for the process of election. This is done by secret ballot, for which purpose the Ballot Box is used. Our Masonic law requires that every member present must ballot. A white ball elects to membership; three black balls or cubes will reject. You should never reject a man for personal reasons, but only if you are sincerely convinced that his character or record are such that his election would bring discredit to Masonry.

The space between the Master's station and the Altar should never be crossed while the Lodge is in session. If you find it necessary to cross the room at any time after the Lodge has been opened, you should cross on the West side of the Altar.

With these few remarks of explanation we welcome you among us. Not only those present at this meeting but also millions in other Lodges throughout the world are now your Masonic brothers. Attend your own Lodge as frequently as you can, and visit other Lodges and recognized Masonic organizations when you have the opportunity. Continue your Masonic education by such attendance and such visits, and continue it further by reading Masonic books which you may obtain from the Grand Lodge Library and Museum.

This is your Masonic commencement. May your Masonic life be long and satisfying.

## AN OUTLINE FOR A PUBLIC PROGRAM TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT FREEMASONRY

### Purpose Of The Program:

- a. To inform the uninitiated about the history, precepts, landmarks, traditions and mission of Freemasonry.
  - b. To minimize the chances of someone asking to become a member out of curiosity, not knowing the essence of Freemasonry.
  - c. To rekindle enthusiasm and loyalty to the Craft by the present members.
7. Use the best talent in your lodge to deliver talks on:
    - a. A brief history of Freemasonry.
    - b. History of the local Masonic Lodge.
    - c. The philosophy of Freemasonry.

Note: It is strongly recommended that each of the talks be limited to 8 to 10 minutes. More than that will kill the effect of the program.

### Steps:

1. Prepare a news release in the local paper(s). Through it invite the public to visit the Masonic Temple and to attend a meeting at which the program will feature a brief history and philosophy of Freemasonry. Plans should include both men and women.
2. To ensure a good attendance, ask each brother, at several communications of the lodge, to submit names and addresses of one or more of friends and acquaintances who he believes might be interested in learning about Freemasonry.
3. From the various lists, duplications should be eliminated and a master list compiled of those who should be invited.
4. Prepare a letter signed by the Master to be mailed to each of those to receive a personal invitation.
5. Assign to each of the officers and active members the names and addresses of two or three of the proposed guests. Ask each caller to invite his list of guests and to offer transportation to and from the meeting.
6. Appoint a telephone committee and assign members to be called who live within a reasonable distance of the Temple. Urge each member to support the program by his attendance. Unless a good turnout of the brothers is ensured, the effect on the guests maybe more negative than positive.
8. If the Master is uncomfortable as Master of Ceremonies, he should welcome the guests and brothers and then turn the meeting over to a qualified M.C.
9. The M.C., at the conclusion of the talks, should make certain that the guests understand the landmarks of the Craft. Those interested in becoming members must be sufficiently impressed with Freemasonry to ask for an application (petition) from the Mason he knows best.
10. Distribute copies of the Grand Lodge "Q & A Answers to Questions about the Masonic Fraternity" and copies of "Eleven Reasons for Being Loyal to Freemasonry."
11. Serve refreshments at the conclusion of the program.
12. Many variations of the program can be effective. The set of slides with narration, available from Grand Lodge, is a good program. However, do not use the slides and then have speakers repeat the same information. Keep the program to a maximum of 45 minutes. **DO NOT OMIT ANY OF STEPS 1 THROUGH 6.** They are crucial to the success of this program.

(See page 53, "Brother Bring A Friend Night")

**RECOMMENDED SHORT TALKS FOR  
MASTERS, PAST MASTERS & LINE OFFICERS**

Available from the Masonic Service Association

See page 297 for order form.

**TITLE** **DATE OF PUBLICATION**

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Short Talks for Special Occasions .....8/66

For the Newly Raised.....7/47

The Art of Presiding .....10/39

What Should A Mason Know About Masonry .....3/59

Lodge Courtesies.....8/24

Masonic Manners.....4/52

Diligent Inquiry.....5/83

Standard of Masonic Conduct.....6/86

Masonic Debate .....12/44

Using The Short Talk Bulletins In Lodge .....12/62

How To Use The Short Talk Bulletin.....9/60

The Short Talk Bulletin.....12/38

The Masonic Speaker.....7/78

The Table Lodge.....8/51

The Gavel of Authority .....7/31

What Is Masonry?.....9/24

More Light in Masonry: Who Needs It? (9 Booklets).....1/72,  
.....2/72, 3/72, 5/72, 6/72, 9/72, 10/72, 11/72, 12/72

Tell The Applicant .....8/54

Inasmuch And Furthermore.....11/81

Living A Role Learning and Delivering Ritual .....10/62

Freemasonry - A Commitment To Values .....8/89

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.....3/89

Dare To Be Different .....2/87

Master As Manager .....2/88

Who Leads the Leader? .....9/83

## RECOMMENDED SHORT TALKS CONTINUED

The Blessing of Liberty.....	4/87
Freemasonry: From Craft to Tolerance .....	5/88
Masonic Opportunities .....	1/88
The Investigating Committee.....	6/88
Let's Communicate Freemasonry .....	3/88
An Action Team- In Action .....	10/87
Midnight Revelation .....	12/80
A New Delight .....	5/78
Crystal Gazing.....	8/86
A Foundation Stone .....	5/86
Motivating The Mason As a Private Citizen.....	11/87
Meeting A Young Man's Needs .....	1/83
Masonic Relief -- Charity and You .....	11/79
To Exist or To Live.....	7/79
The Benefits of Masonic Membership.....	11/78
What I Learned in Freemasonry .....	3/78
Reach Out and Touch Someone.....	7/82
Increasing Lodge Attendance .....	10/28
Masonic Etiquette .....	4/80
Highest Hills and Lowest Vales .....	5/81
Peeks and Valleys.....	10/79
Masonic Leaders .....	10/78
Involvement Is Essential .....	8/79
The Recommender .....	7/87
The Widow and the Craft .....	6/87
Selecting a Line Officer .....	9/86
Men Who Build Bridges Not Walls.....	3/86
Motivation of Lodge Members in Masonic Activities .....	11/85

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## RECOMMENDED BOOKS & DIGESTS FOR READING

### TITLE..... SOURCE & AUTHOR

101 + Ways to Improve Interest & Attendance in Your Masonic Lodge  
 ..... Masonic Renewal Committee of North America  
 6115 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209-9910

A Masonic Leader's Planning Guide  
 ..... Masonic Renewal Committee of North America

150+ Ways to Involve Your Lodge with Family & in the Community  
 ..... Masonic Renewal Committee of North America

The Essential Skills of Leadership (5 books for Masonic Leaders)  
 1. When You Become the Leader. 2. The Power of Vision;  
 3. Managing Change & Getting People on Your Side  
 4. Motivation: Creating the Will to Work; 5. Developing & Using a Lodge Team  
 ..... The Center for Leadership Excellence  
 Phone: 410-296-0026, E-mail: dcginc@erols.com

75 Ways to Attract & Retain New Members  
 ..... The Center for Leadership Excellence

Masonic Lifeline: Leadership. .... MSA -- *Allen E. Roberts*

Hat and Gavel ..... MSA - *Pocket Digest*

Think Tank for Junior Wardens. .... MSA - *Pocket Digest*

Program Notebook for Worshipful Masters ..... MSA -- *Digest*

The Masters Book ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Carl Claudy*

Key To Freemasonry's Growth ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Allen E. Roberts*

On Leadership ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Allen E. Roberts*

Masonic Etiquette ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Henry Meachem*

The Craft And Its Symbols ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Allen E. Roberts*

Monitor ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Custodians of the Work*

Our Stations & Places ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Henry Meachem*

The Search For Leadership ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Allen E. Roberts*

The Lodge System Of Masonic Education (*L.S.O.M.E. 1 2 3 4 Book & Video*)  
 ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Committee on Leadership and Educational Services*

The Handbook of Masonic Law (*Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of New York*)  
 ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Committee on Jurisprudence*

The Twenty-four Inch Gauge (*Includes the New Leadership Manual*)  
 ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Committee on Leadership Services*

Reading Courses (*See Masonry At Home, page 94*)  
 ..... Grand Lodge Library & Museum -- *Books by Various Authors*

The Secretary's Manual ..... Lodge Supplies -- *Grand Secretary's Office*

The Newly Made Mason. .... Lodge Supplies -- *H. L. Haywood*

# WORDS, TERMS & NAMES

## Glossary

**Purpose-** To provide lodge leaders with an immediate reference with which to respond to brothers' questions and concerns.

**affiliate** -- to join a lodge when already a Master Mason

**alarm** -- notice of desire for admission into an open lodge

**allegory** -- fable, legend, concealing lesson or Truth

**ample form** -- Opening and closing ceremonies by Grand Master or his representative

**"antients"** -- The group of mainly Irish masons who formed their own Grand Lodge in 1751/53 and prospered until united with the "moderns" in 1813. They saw their chief difference being their allegiance to older protocols.

**battery** -- Masonically, formal salutes (i.e., Grand Honors)

**cable tow** -- The scope of a reasonable man's ability to perform a task.

**charges** -- formal allegations of the commission of some Masonic offense, and of the facts and circumstances tending to support such allegations, prepared by the Proctor at the direction of the Grand Master.

**colors** -- Blue in Craft Masonry; red in Royal Arch; purple Cryptic masonry and Symbolic Grand Lodge; white and black in Templars; all colors in Scottish Rite. Mourning colors, black except A.A.S.R. which is purple.

**communication** -- A Masonic Lodge meeting; "to share with others."

**complaint** -- a written statement to the Grand Master that un-masonic behavior has occurred and that charges need to be filed.

**conferred** -- A degree worked upon a candidate.

**cowan** -- An uninstructed Mason; Mason without the word.

**darkness** -- Symbol of ignorance, lack of Masonic light.

**dimit** -- a formal request by a brother to cease his membership in the lodge which must be granted provided his membership is not in anyway jeopardized by his current circumstance; once dimitted, the brother

becomes an unaffiliated Mason and may join any lodge by successful petition.

**dispensation** -- Authority given by Grand Master to dispense with certain regulations.

**due guard** -- Salute; mode of recognition

**East** -- Source of Light

**edict** -- Decree of Grand Master/Lodge.

**esoteric** -- Not written; secret; only for the initiated

**exemplified** -- Masonic degree for instruction

**Great Lights** -- Volume of Sacred Law, square and compasses

**hele** -- To cover, conceal

**installation** -- Formal induction into Masonic office

**investigating** -- committee to examine the character and Masonic suitability of a petitioner; appointed by the master.

**irregular** -- Not according to Masonic law; clandestine.

**jurisdiction** -- [1] refers to Masonic authority of Grand Lodge; [2] specifies that territory in which lodges have prior claim on brother's affiliation; fairly complex and should be read for application in particular cases.

**just and duly constituted** -- Lodge with legal number of brethren to open and work, created by lawful authority, and having a charter

**landmarks** -- common law of Freemasonry; those principles which have guided the Craft "since time immemorial."

**lawful information** -- Obtained in a tiled lodge; by receiving avouchment; by examination.

**lewis** -- Son of a Master Mason

**life/privilged** -- membership classification which may be established by lodge by-laws providing for reduction of dues upon attainment of specified length of membership or such other conditions specified; must be automatically granted all members who meet the specifications without any further test.

- metal** -- divestiture of metal is symbolic of poverty
- "moderns"** -- That group of Freemasons who formed the first grand lodge in 1717.
- mosaic pavement** -- Alternate black and white squares; symbols of good and evil.
- mystic tie** -- Bond between brethren; between brother and Mother lodge.
- non-affiliate** -- Master Mason not belonging to a lodge.
- Northeast corner** -- Symbol of beginning
- obligation** -- Solemn promise
- Ombudsman** -- (*A Viking term for an appointed officer in an organization whose job it is to represent the concerns of the constituency directly to the organization's leaders.*) Masonically, an "Umbrella Chairman".
- password** -- Mode of recognition
- Patrons of Masonry** -- St. John the Baptist (June 24), St. John the Evangelist (December 27)
- penalty** -- Expulsion, suspension, reprimand
- petition** -- a written request; for initiation, this is a form provided by the lodge which must be filled out in the petitioner's own handwriting- no exceptions to this requirement are allowed.
- profane** -- Not a Mason, nor Masonic (Unnecessary term -- offends non-Masons and places Masons on the defensive. Use instead -- "non-mason/s".)
- raised** -- Having completed the degree of Master Mason
- recognition** -- Grand Lodge has the right to determine for itself as to every body of men claiming to be Masonic throughout the world, whether Grand or particular, whether they are regular or clandestine
- regular** -- According to duly constituted authority
- resign** -- Masters and Wardens elected and installed cannot; members demit to leave a lodge.
- return** -- that annual report which must be filed by the lodge secretary with Grand Lodge specifying the state of the membership;
- failure to do so for two consecutive years can result in revocation of a lodge's charter.
- ritual** -- that text which is adopted by Grand Lodge through the Custodian of the Work for all Masonic ceremonies and functions.
- secrecy** -- Obligatory on all Masons for esoteric work.
- side degrees** -- Not officially recognized as part of Masonic system.
- signs** -- Means of recognition
- speculative** -- Non-operative; all Freemasons
- summons** -- Demand to appear
- symbol** -- Design, or object, significant of embedded Truth.
- table lodge** -- Special 1st degree ceremony used at banquets
- trestleboard** -- Board on which master draws designs; notice of lodge activities
- Umbrella Chairman** -- (*or Coordinator*) Masonically, an "Umbrella Chairman". within the State [of New York] or a District is responsible for supporting and overseeing the work of committees within his umbrella; to be an instrument for two-way communications, for disseminating information, coordinating activities and programs and for finding viable solutions to problems or complaints; to reduce duplicated efforts and overlapping responsibilities.
- unmasonic conduct** -- an act or conduct tending to impair the purity of the Masonic institution or its usefulness, or to cause scandal, or to degrade its public estimation
- vouch for** -- sitting in open lodge with a brother...constitutes lawful Masonic information; (all visitors, nonetheless, are present at the discretion of the master; note - when present on official business, the Grand Master's representatives are not "visitors.")
- titles** -- those positional labels prescribed in the Book of Constitutions and the Handbook of Masonic Law for Grand and Particular Lodge officers selected and appointed; as our ritual teaches, however, the most Masonic of all titles is "Brother." (See Book of Masonic Etiquette)
- warrant** -- Charter.
- work** -- Conferring of degrees.

# VIDEOTAPES

AVAILABLE THROUGH VARIOUS GRAND LODGES

*Reprinted from the Masonic Service Association pamphlet "Videotapes" 1-15-92 and updated May 1998*

The Masonic Service Association recently conducted a poll among the Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada to determine what video training tapes or informational aids were available in the various Grand Lodges. We had better than 95% response to this questionnaire, and are now providing the information contained in the returns as a report to the Grand Lodges.

The report will concentrate on those Grand Lodges who have, particularly recently, produced video tapes concerning Freemasonry either in a training or informational format.

We chose not to list any prices for several reasons. Some tapes can only be loaned, and several Grand Lodges indicated their prices may change or were undecided what to charge.

If you have any questions concerning any of the tapes mentioned in this report, we would suggest that you contact the Grand Lodge involved, so that they might respond to your inquiry.

Several Grand Lodges gave us a list of all tapes available through their library. However, the intent of this report was to collect information on current videotapes used to instruct or provide Masonic information to candidates, Lodges or the general public.

Since video tape information is of vital concern to the Masonic community, we ask that if you notice any errors, or any information not contained that should be there, please notify the MSA immediately so that we may make the necessary changes to keep this report as current and accurate as possible.

MSA would also like to thank all of those Grand Lodges who cooperated by responding to our questionnaire.



# MASONIC VIDEOTAPES

## GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
CANDIDATE EDUCATION I.....	15 MIN.
CANDIDATE EDUCATION II .....	15 MIN.
CANDIDATE EDUCATION III.....	15 MIN.
CANDIDATE EDUCATION IV .....	15 MIN.

A series of four Videotapes; I to be shown to an elected petitioner prior to his Entered Apprentice Degree; II to follow the Entered Apprentice Degree; III to follow the Fellowcraft Degree; IV to follow the Master Mason Degree.

These tapes are designed as a program of Masonic Education for men about to join a Lodge or who are in the process of joining, or as a program of education for "rusty" Masons.

## GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
THE UNSEEN JOURNEY .....	60 MIN.

The Mystery, Myth and Truth of Freemasonry: an accounting of the centuries-long search for the ultimate Masonic definition of life. Designed as informational and specifically for the individual Mason's home use. See page 113 for order form.

## GRAND LODGE OF IOWA

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
VIDEO #1 OPENING THE DOORS TO FREEMASONRY.....	16 MIN.
VIDEO #2 THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN IOWA.....	17 MIN.
VIDEO #3 LET THERE BE LIGHT.....	20 MIN.
VIDEO #4 DYNAMIC LODGE LEADERSHIP TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE 90'S .....	2 x 30 MIN.

**#1:** Designed for friendship Nights, Lodge Education Programs and in membership enhancement.

**#2:** Designed for both Masonic and Public use. As its title implies, deals with Masonic History in Iowa.

**#3:** Designed to be shown to the newly initiated Entered Apprentice and his family soon after his Initiation.

**#4:** Designed particularly for Lodge Officers, two 30 minute segments dealing with the "Nuts and Bolts" of dynamic Lodge leadership.

### GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MASON .....	15 MIN.
<p>Designed not only for Lodges, but very specifically to be viewed by the public. Designed, as example, for Local Area Cable TV, Open Houses, Fair Booths or Membership events. Concentrates on Freemasonry in Massachusetts, but makes many points about Freemasonry in general.</p>	

### GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
WELCOME TO THE CRAFT .....	37 MIN.
<p>As its name implies, a tape designed for the new initiate, explaining what Freemasonry is all about.</p>	

### GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
FOCUS ON THE FUTURE .....	12 MIN.
<p>Designed as an "upbeat" look at the Fraternity's future.</p>	

### GRAND LODGE OF MONTANA

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
Untitled (4 x 7 min.) .....	28 MIN.
<p>One tape with four 7 minute segments. Designed for Montana Lodges to show to a petitioner prior to the First Degree and then a follow-up segment after each Degree.</p>	

### GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
Video #1 BROTHERHOOD AND SERVICE.....	12 MIN.
<p>Prepared by the Grand Lodge of New York to explain what Freemasonry is all about. Available through the Masonic Service Association or Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library.</p>	
Video #2 LODGE SYSTEM OF MASONIC EDUCATION (LSOME) .....	55 MIN.
<p>One tape with four Sessions: #1 - Before the 1st degree (14 min.), #2 after the 1st degree (11 min.), #3 - after the 2nd degree (12 min.), #4 - after the 3rd degree (18 min.). Designed to be used with the LSOME (1 2 3 4 ) Pamphlet. The first section can be shown in open Lodge and is recommended to be shown to prospective candidates and their family. See page 111 for order form.</p>	

### GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK *Continued*

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
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Video #3 <b>FREEMASONRY IN NEW YORK STATE</b> .....	12 MIN.
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Prepared by the Grand Lodge of New York Committee on Membership Development in 1997. To be used with “Brother Bring A Friend Nights” and Public programs to promote knowledge of Freemasonry. An excellent video showing the history of Freemasonry, the three degrees and Masons at work across the State. Each New York State 1997-98 Lodge Master received a copy in the mail. Available for purchase from the Grand Secretary’s Office by calling 1-800-3MASON4.

### GRAND LODGE OF OKLAHOMA

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
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#1 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN .....	35 MIN.
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#2 IN THE QUARRY .....	35 MIN.
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#1: Designed for the petitioner after he has been elected, but before receiving the Entered Apprentice degree. Also, designed to be viewed by his family. Talks about the nature and symbolism of Ritual and why Masonry uses Initiation.

#2: Designed for the New Brother between the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees. Further explanation on the nature of Symbolism, previews the Fellowcraft Degree and reviews the Lodge Officers and their functions. Designed to be viewed by the Brother and his family.

Two further videos are planned but not yet available. One will be designed for the Brother between the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees. The other for viewing by those who have expressed an interest in the fraternity but have not yet petitioned.

### GRAND LODGE OF OREGON

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
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FREEMASONS, WHO ARE THEY?.....	30 MIN.
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The story of Freemasonry in Oregon.

## GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
#1 CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY .....	15 MIN.
#2 WM. H. UPTON DEDICATION .....	50 MIN.
<p>#1: Intended as an informational tool to be shown to school boards, city councils, county commissioners and other governmental bodies when requesting permission to lay cornerstones or dedicate buildings with Masonic ceremonies.</p> <p>#2: Joint Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington to formally dedicate a memorial to Wm. H. Upton, PM. Brother Upton was a strong believer in the Recognition of Prince Hall Masonry and the Videotape records the ceremony dedicating his monument by both Grand Lodges.</p>	

## MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

<u>Title</u>	<u>Running Time</u>
I MASONIC RENEWAL TASK FORCE - PHASE I .....	60 MIN.
II MASONIC RENEWAL TASK FORCE - PHASE II .....	60 MIN.
III MASONIC RENEWAL TASK FORCE - PHASE III .....	60 MIN.
<p>I: Videotape of the 1989 Presentation to the Conference of Grand Masters concerning the Attitudes of Non-Masons towards joining Fraternities.</p> <p>II: Videotape of the 1990 Presentation to the Conference of Grand Masters concerning the Attitudes of Masons toward their Fraternity.</p> <p>III: Videotape of the 1991 Presentation to the Conference of Grand Masters representing a "Vision Statement" for the Fraternity and a "Where Do We Go From Here" plan.</p>	

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