



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Grand Lodge Committee on Leadership Services F. & A. M. New York

SUMMATION

"The making of a Freemason is a continual course of education, of training, and of character forming. A man is a Freemason when he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. He cannot do so until he understands the scope, real meaning and power of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry can be divided into many phases of study. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitution and its laws are but a few. Its historical background provides a fascinating program of investigation to the member attracted to research.

One compliment given to Freemasonry is that it can stand investigation. The deeper the research and the more extensive the knowledge of the Craft, the more highly it is appreciated. A brother who merely takes his degrees in a non-committed manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge meetings, may think that Freemasonry differs little from other societies. To the contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature, takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, and learns the origin, meaning and moral bearing of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations.

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. Freemasonry is a way of living. This is especially true for the Master Mason who is interested enough to evaluate the wealth that is his by virtue of his Masonic Brotherhood.

The best informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic study and our research for more Masonic Light.

Modified from an article by the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Those who have completed this course have understood the important points contained in the above message. Congratulations to you. Remember that this, like all endeavors in life, is just the beginning. To grow and mature in the Craft, and as an individual, is to continue to study and to seek more knowledge.

"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND."

The Committee on Leadership Services extends its best wishes for your continued success, fulfillment and happiness.

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Lesson 6--Programs & Program ideas	Walter Gillis
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The original leadership course was developed in 1985. Over 1500 brothers have graduated from the course since that time. It was first developed as a correspondence course but has since been offered in both correspondence and seminar format. It has been upgraded twice before undergoing this revision from ten lessons to eight. No critical information has been deleted in the process.

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Course Text

The main text for this **Leadership Development Course** is the manuscript provided with each lesson.

Also "**The 24 Inch Gauge**", developed by the Committee on Leadership Services, is to be used as additional text as specified in the Bibliography for each lesson. Other material listed in the Bibliography is to be used for further study.

An Advanced Course is being developed at this time.

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