

# Masonic Education Overview

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Masonic Education is an ongoing process whereby all Masons, throughout the world, further their knowledge about the Craft. It begins with education for candidates about the Three Symbolic Degrees, and it continues with instruction of Masonic history, tradition, philosophy, Masonic Law, Lodge administration, and procedures in the everyday management of the Lodges. My Brothers, the world over, you should have a working knowledge of these topics, not only as Lodge Officers, but as dedicated Masons. If not, now is the time to prepare yourself.

As Freemasons, one should always remember, "AN EDUCATED MASON IS A DEDICATED Mason." As we endeavor to educate more of our Brothers in Masonry, we will see that this is a true phrase. As they learn, they become more active and attendance increases and stronger bonds are developed between themselves. Even the most learned men learn something new each day. This keeps us interested and active. It will take work and dedication on our part, but the results will be very rewarding.

We would like to encourage the Lodges to use the many forms of Masonic Education lessons and publications available to them. Encourage the Brothers to learn to use the Masonic Digest, attend Schools of Instruction, become more active in Lodge functions and bring in qualified candidates. Let us encourage the Lodges to use Masonic Education materials such as Masonic History, Masonic Philosophy and Masonic Etiquette in their monthly meetings. We should endeavor, in each of our Lodges, to work toward the Masonic Education Achievement Award. Every Florida Lodge should qualify for this award.

An excellent method to learn to use the Masonic Digest and Mentors Manual is to complete the three Master Mason Examinations, now offered Online in this website. These examinations have proven very popular as they produce more friendships, more knowledge of Florida Masonry, better informed Brothers and an increase in Lodge attendance. Get together some evening and try it, you'll like it. These exams will be graded by the District Chairman of Masonic Education.

Why is the Master called 'Worshipful Master' of a Florida Lodge? The term worshipful also means knowledgeable. It refers to one who has educated himself in and about the Craft Freemasonry. As a Freemason in your Particular Lodge, would you like to be an officer, work your way around to become Master of the Lodge? If so, the Grand Lodge of Florida Masonic Education program has prepared for you an outstanding tool with which you may become very 'knowledgeable.' It is called the "Lodge Officers Training Course" and any Master Mason may take it. It consists of Modules 1, 2, and 3; each containing seven lessons. The lessons, of course, are open book type and are to be taken in a non-group environment by any Master Mason. The scoring for these exams will be graded by the Zone Chairman and all grades will be on file at the Grand Secretary's office.

