



College of Freemasonry
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
In The Province of Ontario



Enter To Learn – Go Forth To Serve

Course Prospectus

The College of Freemasonry, under the authority of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario offers a modular course of study in this Grand Jurisdiction. The modules cover studies in:

- Masonic Arts and Sciences for Masons.
- An Aspiring Worshipful Masters Course.
- A Past Masters Course. (Formerly DDGM & Grand Registrar Course)

The learner may take an individual module, or enroll in a whole course, depending on his needs at the time, or as set out in Section 50 (b) of the Book of Constitution for the position of DDGM or Grand Registrar. A certificate will only be awarded upon the satisfactory completion of all parts of a given course.

The charge to the newly initiated candidate instructs the candidate and all Masons alike on the need for studying the “liberal arts and sciencesand without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called upon to make a daily advancement in Masonic Knowledge.”

The purpose of any of the courses of study offered by the College of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction is to enable each Mason to become aware of the richness of the Masonic experience through the study of history, philosophy and symbolism related to Freemasonry. The study will enable the Mason to establish a deeper meaning through the conscious examination of Masonic teachings that should shape the daily actions and responses of the Mason. The purpose of study in Freemasonry is in a sense, summarized in words by Gerard Lupin as quoted by Jean Markdale, “Is it not the whole purpose of Freemasonry encapsulated in a line? Masonry from the beginning was, and is a ‘Teacher of Great Truths’”.

Our Masonic art guides and directs each Mason to know himself by providing a carefully constructed course of Self-Improvement. The College courses are designed to be an aid to that end – “Get Knowledge – get Wisdom, but with all thy getting get Understanding”. It is about learning and understanding the Craft.

Instructional material made available by the Committee on Masonic Education puts forth the idea that Masonry and Education are synonymous terms. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education continues to emphasize the crucial role learning plays in the life of the lodge and the individual. The courses help develop a greater awareness of the moral lessons contained in our lectures and how they should be used to build character and understanding. At the same time the study of history, philosophy and symbolism will give us an appreciation of the past, understand the present and help us shape the future.

The outcomes of the courses in terms of learning are to produce knowledgeable, well-read and articulate Masons and to provide opportunities for discussion. Learning is always a work in progress. The goal is to light the lamp of learning for each individual Mason and for each Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The study courses do not tell you what to think, nor tell you how to think, but they do give you something to think about. Brother Manly Palmer Hall had this to say, "Masonry is a University teaching the liberal arts and sciences to the soul to all who will attend to its words.

Masonic Arts and Sciences Course

Open to all Master Masons

Each module can be taken individually. Thus the learner can take only a small part of the course, for which he will be given credit. He can then take only those modules in which he is particularly interested or continue to take modules until such time as he has completed the whole course. A final course certificate will be awarded once ALL of the modules for this course have been completed.

To complete the Masonic Arts and Sciences Course, you must complete Modules 1 through 17 as shown on the Table on the last page. They can be taken in any order; however, the preferred order is Module 1 through 17.

The course of study in the Masonic Arts and Sciences is built around the idea that "Education is not received – it is achieved." If you don't work at it, it won't work for you.

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Aspiring Worshipful Masters Course

Open to all Master Masons

M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson stated in 1858 that it should be the ambition of every brother to become a model Master of a Lodge and to discharge with efficiency and zeal the duties of that important office. Those duties are not confined to the mere repetition of a few phrases, learned by rote, but he should be enabled to instruct the Craft, not only as to the meaning and origin of our ceremonies, but also to explain to them the philosophy which is veiled in its allegories and illustrated by symbols. The Master of the Lodge should also, in his life and in his conversation, be a model for his brethren to admire and imitate, and should practice, out of the Lodge, those great moral doctrines and virtues which he inculcates within its walls.

It is clear from reading the above statement by M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson that it was his view that that the strength of Freemasonry lies with those who aspire to the leadership role. The opportunities are many to become a leader in Freemasonry. One can become an effective leader and not be elected or appointed to a position in a Lodge.

To complete this course of study one must complete Modules 1, 2, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Past Masters Course

Formerly titled "District Deputy Grand Master Preparation Course" and mandatory for those aspiring to the position of District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar.

To be eligible to enroll in the Past Master's Course you must be a Past Master of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. Please check the eligibility requirements as set out in the Book of Constitution, Section 50 (a) and (b).

To complete the Past Master's Course, the applicant must complete Modules 1, 2, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Training and Education

The training and education material contained in the study areas is intended to strengthen the individual Mason, the Lodge, and the District and support Grand Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Modular Concept For Learning About Masonry

The modular concept for learning about Masonry is based on the idea that Masonry and Learning are synonymous terms. The modular approach provides the opportunity to learn the Craft at the basic level through to serving as a Master or as a Grand Lodge Officer where a certain set of Modules may be required of him to qualify for that position, (Section 50 (b) of the Book of Constitution.

Tuition

Masonic Arts and Sciences Course - \$135.00 for the Course or \$10.00 per Module.

Past Master's Course - \$50.00 for the Course or \$10.00 per Module

Aspiring Worshipful Master's Course - \$50.00 for the Course or \$10.00 per Module

A certificate will be issued upon successful completion of each course of study.

Payment Options

By Cheque to ("**Masonic Education Course**"), Mail to **George Warner, 4010 Chadburn Crescent, Mississauga, ON L5L 3X2.**

Or with PayPal, Visa, or Mastercard and e-mail the application to masonic.college@gmail.com.

Application & Information

Applications for the College Courses can be found on the Grand Lodge Website by logging into the Members Section, then click Membership and then hit "Education Courses". Click on Applications of Prospectus to down load. You can also ask for an application form at masonic.college@gmail.com

Note to Learner

“If you take a module on its' own, you will be granted an exemption for this module if you choose to complete a course in whole at a later date.”

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Course Modules

Module	Subject & Description
1	Benevolence - Masonic Foundation, Com. on Benevolence, Bd. Of Relief
2	Justice in Masonry - Masonic Offences, Grievances and Appeals, Justice, Body of Masonry, Landmarks
3	Religion in Masonry - District Chaplain, Grand Chaplain, Religion, V.O.S.L., 3 Questions to the Applicant, Memorial Services
4	Masonry in Public – Com. on Blood Donors, Public Relations, Policy, The Bulletin, Involvement, Solicitation, Sponsors, Com. of Inquiry
5	Buildings and Relations - Lodge Buildings, Fraternal Relations, Grand Representatives, Masonic Holdings
6a	Philosophy & Symbolism – Initiation through raising (Part 1)
6b	Philosophy & Symbolism – Initiation through raising (Part 2)
7	Protocol and Etiquette - What to do, how to do it, and the right way.
8	The Beginnings - Early Traditions/Operative Masonry, Move to Speculative Masonry, Development of Grand Lodge, Org. in England
9	Masonry in North America - Masonry in Canada and USA, The Pro. G. Lodges
10	Our Jurisdiction - Independence and the Period to 1874, The Period 1875 - 1900, The Period 1900 - 1990
11	Masonic Lodge - By-Laws, Committees, Finance, Budgets, Meetings, Order of Business.
12	The District - D.D.G.M., Relationship to the Lodge, Relationship to Grand Lodge, District Committees, District Finance
13	Grand Lodge - Board of General Purposes, Standing Committees, Special Committees, Elections, Grand Lodge Finance
14	Leadership - Leadership Function, Principles and Qualities, Motivation, Setting Goals, Authority, Effective Leadership
15	Communication - Speech, Correspondence, The Summons, Attitude, Delegation, Personality and Self Evaluation
16	Officer Training - Leadership Skills, Responsibilities, Duties, Meetings, Selecting of Committee Chairmen, Orientation of Members
17	Worshipful Master – Skills unique to the W. M. in ruling his Lodge
18	Past Masters – <u>Restricted to PM's ONLY</u>