



Additional Lodge Light
(A.L.L.)
Activities Workbook

Additional Lodge Light Activity Exercises

Introduction

This manual contains the Additional Lodge Light (A.L.L.) Program activity exercises. It is provided separately so that each newly raised Master Mason may keep his personal copy of the exercises for future reference. The A.L.L. Handbook is to be retained by the Lodge Counselor, reused and passed from one new Master Mason to another.

Directions

Read each chapter of the A.L.L. Handbook in sequential order, one at a time. After reading a Chapter, complete the related activity exercise in the A.L.L. Activity Exercise Manual. After completing an exercise, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor, then return to the A.L.L. Handbook to read another chapter and complete another activity exercise. Continue at your own pace until all Handbook Chapters and Activity Exercises have been completed and discussed with your Counselor. It is recommended that the subject areas be completed in sequential order, but multiple subjects may be discussed with the Lodge Counselor at one time.

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This program is the Grand Lodge approved course on Masonic information required by Article 439 of the Constitution and Laws of The Grand Lodge of Texas. The Lodge Secretary must record the completion of this program in the minutes of the Lodge.

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Activity Exercise 1

Chapter 1: Now That I Am A Mason, Who Am I?

This exercise is designed to clarify what Masonry is and is not so that you might better understand the purpose and agenda of the Great Fraternity to which you now belong.

Complete the following activity by answering *true* or *false* to the following sentences. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor.

Masonry is a system of moral conduct. True False

Masonry is one of the oldest fraternities known to man. True False

Masonry is a religion. True False

Masonry takes a good man and makes him better. True False

It is illegal to offer a neutrally worded invitation to join our fraternity. True False

Masonry teaches the Golden Rule. True False

Masonry is a secret society. True False

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Activity Exercise 2

Chapter 2: Masonic Government

This exercise is designed to provide an introduction to the basics of the Masonic governing structure. Chapter 2 of the A.L.L. Handbook explained the history of our fraternity so that you might gain an insight into why Lodges were established as independent bodies. The relationship of different Grand Lodges as well as their similarities and differences were also explained in this chapter. Let's explore these concepts a little further.

Complete the following activity by answering *true* or *false* to the following sentences. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor.

Grand Lodges are composed of smaller Lodges who share similar beliefs, principals and interest. True False

Texas Lodges must follow the Masonic laws of both Texas and Louisiana. True False

The Grand Lodge of Texas has its headquarters in Austin Texas and is composed of 202 Lodges. True False

Masonic degree work in Louisiana may appear to be quite different from that of Texas. True False

All Texas Masonic degree work should be exactly the same. True False

"List of Lodges, Masonic" is a book listing all Lodges recognized by The Grand Lodge of Texas as being Masonic, who are not in Texas. True False

There are other organizations that call themselves "Masonic" but are not part of our Masonic structure. True False

The basic Masonic principles are called the "Ancient Charges of Freemasonry." True False

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Activity Exercise 3

Chapter 3: My Lodge Operation

This activity examines some common procedures and customs of Lodge operation. Learning how your Lodge operates will make you feel more comfortable and functional.

Complete the following activity by answering *true* or *false* to the following sentences. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor.

Our Lodge meetings are of two types, STATED and CALLED.

True False

The stated meeting is normally used to conduct Lodge business.

True False

The called meeting is called for a specific purpose or to act upon a specific item of business.

True False

In the constituent Lodge, the Worshipful Master's word is final, and his position is one with an awesome responsibility.

True False

Masonic Lodges must use Robert's Rules of Order.

True False

In the Masonic Lodge, not all Brothers are entitled to vote.

True False

There are three methods of balloting; ballot box, show of hands, and paper ballot.

True False

The only three officers who must be elected are the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens.

True False

There are two types of committees, STANDING and SPECIAL.

True False

A special committee that is vital to the health of your Lodge is the Investigating Committee.

True False

The Investigating Committee is used to examine the moral character and reputation of men who desire to join the Lodge.

True False

It is permissible to enter an open Lodge without an apron.

True False

No one should ever wear a hat or cap in Lodge, while in session, except the Senior Warden.

True False

With the exception of the Junior Deacon relieving the Tiler, no one should enter or retire from the Lodgeroom while a ballot is open.

True False

Do not sit in the East unless asked to do so by the Worshipful Master or Presiding Officer.

True False

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Activity Exercise 4

Chapter 4: Masonic Ritual

Chapter 4 of the Handbook presents a practical look at our ritual and helps us gain an understanding of its use.

Complete the following activity by answering *true* or *false* to the following sentences. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor.

Our ritual changed and grew as it was added to and expanded by the members of every age. True False

Ritual in the Lodge is the magic that makes Masonic “work” common to all. True False

Any Brother may protem any station in a Lodge to which he is entitled to sit. True False

It is absolutely necessary that all officer stations and places be filled during the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as the degrees. True False

Elected and appointed officers do not have to remain in their respective stations and places during a degree. True False

Brothers on the sidelines should always prompt during the degree. True False

The esoteric ritual in all Texas Lodges should be exactly the same. True False

The esoteric ritual may vary from Grand Jurisdiction to Grand Jurisdiction. True False

The esoteric ritual should be performed in a solemn and reverent manner. True False

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Activity Exercise 5

Chapter 5: Law and Tradition

Chapter 5 of the Handbook provides a basic understanding of the difference between *Law* and *Tradition*. The most important point to remember regarding law and tradition is that violation of Masonic law may result in reprimand, suspension or expulsion, while violation of Masonic tradition may only result in adverse treatment by other members.

The Laws of The Grand Lodge of Texas can be a difficult book to use. Here is an example of how to find information in it. To find out what would happen if you forgot to pay your dues, look up "Fees and Dues," in the index. Then, under the "Subordinate Lodge" section you will find another section entitled "Non-Payment of Dues." This would identify Article 319, which can be found on page 146 of the law book.

The following exercise will provide you with some experience in using the law book of The Grand Lodge of Texas.

Complete the following activity using The Grand Lodge of Texas law book. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor. Your Lodge Counselor should have access to a law book that you can borrow to complete this project.

Find the Article and page number for "electioneering for Masons for Masonic office."

Article Number _____
Page Number _____

Identify one of the traditions of your Lodge. Discuss it and how many other possible traditions are used in your Lodge with your Lodge Counselor.

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Activity Exercise 6

Chapter 6: Visiting

Visiting other Lodges should be a pleasant experience. Chapter 6 of the handbook provided information which should allow you to become familiar with what you must do before visiting another Lodge, what will happen before another Lodge will let you “sit” in their Lodge, and what you should expect when visiting another Lodge.

Complete the following activity by using either the “List of Constituent Lodges in Texas” or the “List of Lodges, Masonic,” to determine if you should visit the following Lodges.

Somerset Lodge No 1205 in Somerset TX. Yes No

Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte ND. Yes No

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Activity Exercise 7

Chapter 7: What May I Talk About?

Chapter 7 of the handbook was intended to give you a “feel” for what you can and cannot say when discussing Masonry with the non-Mason. Yes, we want you to talk about Masonry. It is important to establish our public image and to give other good men an insight into our great Brotherhood.

Complete the following activity by answering *yes* or *no* to the following questions. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor.

Can I discuss with non-Masons,

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| 01) Who our members are? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 02) Our family oriented functions? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 03) Our modes of recognition? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 04) Our Masonic charities? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 05) Our passwords? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 06) Our feelings regarding religion? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 07) The esoteric degree work? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 08) The “Between Friends” audio tape? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 09) The questions and answers of the degrees? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10) The symbolism of the white lambskin apron? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11) The wording of the lectures? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12) The meaning of “Worshipful Master?” | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Activity Exercise 8

Chapter 8: The Family and Freemasonry

Chapter 8 of the Handbook explained the fullness of Masonic life, the involvement of the family while you are active, and what protection and security there is for them after your death. You were also encouraged to share with them and make them feel a part of our Masonic family.

Complete the following activity by performing the two exercises. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor.

List three open programs that your Lodge participates in, which involve the family.

01) _____.

02) _____.

03) _____.

List three open programs that you would like to see your Lodge institute, if you were Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

01) _____.

02) _____.

04) _____.

Completed: ____/____/____. Lodge Counselor Initials: ____

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Activity Exercise 9

Chapter 9: What About Other Masonic Affiliated Organizations?

In Chapter 9 of the handbook, other organizations that have ties to the Masonic Lodge were briefly discussed. Of the many, three were primarily explained. It was also explained that no degree is higher in Masonry than that of the Master Mason's Degree, but that other organizations have "Rites" that expand or elaborate upon the Masonic Blue Lodge Degrees.

Complete the following activity by matching each Masonic affiliated organization with the statement that is common to its description. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor.

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| ___ Shrine | A. Supports the Crippled Children's Hospitals and Burn Centers. |
| ___ DeMolay | B. Supports the Learning Center for Dyslexia. |
| ___ Rainbow/Job's Daughters | C. A boy's youth group. |
| ___ Scottish Rite | D. Supports the Texas Retirement Center. |
| ___ Order of the Eastern Star | E. A girl's youth group. |
| ___ York Rite | F. Members are Masons and certain female relatives of Masons. |

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Activity Exercise 10

Chapter 10: Other Organizations Called “Masons”

In Chapter 10 of the Handbook, the subject of other groups who use terms, language, and tradition that mirror those of our Fraternity was introduced. Some of these organizations look so familiar that it is difficult to determine which are recognized by our Grand Lodge. It is important that you know how to distinguish the difference.

Complete the following activity by determining if you could have Masonic discussions with men from the following Masonic Lodges. When you have finished, discuss your answers with your Lodge Counselor.

St. Joseph Lodge No. 347
San Antonio, TX

Yes No

Sirius Lodge No. 175
Metz, France

Yes No

Savona Lodge No. 96
Sabazia, Italy

Yes No

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General Evaluation Sheet

To: The Newly Raised Master Mason,

My Brother, The Masonic Education and Service Committee and The Grand Lodge of Texas has a sincere desire to assist you in your Masonic education. The A.L.L. course you have just completed is a part of that education. We sincerely hope that you have benefited from this course, and have gained some “*Additional Lodge Light*” in the process. Your opinion is important to me, therefore, I request that you take a few moments and fill out the short evaluation below. Please mail to:

Dwight N. Stevens, Chairman
Masonic Education and Service Committee
2557 Blackberry Drive
Richardson, Texas 75082

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
1) Readability	1	2	3	4	5
2) Informational content	1	2	3	4	5
3) Worth the time spent	1	2	3	4	5

	Too Little	Just Right	Too Much
1) Amount of Information	1	2	3
2) Time used to complete	1	2	3

Strong points were:

Weak points were:

Topics not useful:

Topics wanted:

Additional Comments:

Thank you for your time!