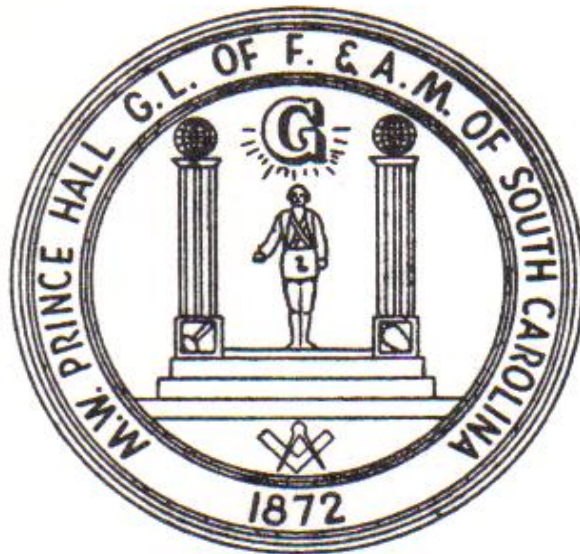


*Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Of Free and Accepted Masons
Of the State of South Carolina*

WORSHIPFUL MASTER BASIC TRAINING

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Most Worshipful Grand Master



Theme: *"Our God, Our Children, and Our Heritage*

*"The purpose of life is to matter, to count, to stand for something,
to have it make some difference that we lived at all."*

Leo Rosten

Source Books

Grand Lodge Constitution = Con

Mackey's Jurisprudence of Free Masonry = JP

Worshipful Master Assistant = WMA

Masonic Ritual of the Grand Lodge of S C = Ritual

Holy Bible = Bible

General Knowledge = GK

This **Worshipful Master Basic Training** document is not intended to imply nor infer that the information contained within is all that a Worshipful Master should know in order to become a good Worshipful Master. It is only to be used as a **Training Tool** to encourage a Master Mason to prepare himself to become a good Worshipful Master and to let him know where he is at with his training.

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1. The Grand Lodge is the only true legitimate source of Masonic authority.

- a. True
- b. False

Book = Con, Pg = 11

2. Every mason must believe in

- a. His Worshipful Master
- b. God
- c. His Lodge

Book = Con, Pg = 8

3. What book is an indispensable part of every lodge's furniture?

- a. Charter
- b. Minute Book
- c. Bible

Book = Con, Pg = 8

4. What in Masonry cannot be changed?

- a. Lodge meeting date and time
- b. Landmarks
- c. Lodge minutes after they are adopted.

Book = Con, Pg = 8

5. The notice for the Annual Grand Lodge Session s sent to the lodges by

- a. Grand Secretary
- b. Grand Master
- c. Your lodge secretary

Book = Con, Pg = 9

6. The Annual Report to the Grand Secretary should be in not latter than

- a. Nov. 15th, unless specified differently by the Grand Secretary
- b. Opening day of Grand Lodge Session
- c. Secretary's Workshop

Book = Con, Pg = 20

7. To regale for a Church visitation you must first

- a. Be sure the pastor likes masons
- b. Talk to deacons or lay preachers
- c. Obtain dispensation from Grand Lodge
- d. All of the above

Book = Con, Pg = 27

8. A lodge can initiate only how many at one communication?

- a. As many as they want
- b. 9
- c. 37

Book = Con, Pg = 27

d. 7, unless by dispensation

9. Protocol for the jurisdiction of S.C. is located

- a. In the ritual
- b. In the constitution for the jurisdiction of S.C.
- c. In the Jurisprudence

Book = Con, Pg = 57

10. What is needed to move your meeting night to a different night?

- a. enough to open the Lodge
- b. a vote by the brothers
- c. a dispensation

Book = Con, Pg = 25

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11. How many lodges constitute a quorum in the Grand Lodge?

- a. 25
- b. 303
- c. 15

Book = Con, Pg = 18

12. Who has the right to ballot upon candidates petitioning the lodge?

- a. Elected Officers
- b. Elected and Appointed Officers
- c. All Members present

Book = Con, Pg = 26

13. How many black-balls does it take to reject a candidate?

- a. One black- ball
- b. Three black-balls
- c. Half plus one of the members present and voting

Book = Con, Pg = 26

14. A candidate who is black-balled in any lodge in the state can go to another lodge and become a member right away.

- a. True
- b. False

Book = Con, Pg = 27

15. The Worshipful Master needs a dispensation to give two degrees in one night.

- a. True
- b. False

Book = Con, Pg = 25

16. A brother who is un-financial with his lodge in South Carolina can reinstate his membership in any lodge in the state.

- a. True
- b. False
- c.

Book = Con, Pg = 27

17. What number of candidates require a dispensation to perform degree work?

- a. Three or more
- b. Five or more
- c. Seven or more False Who was Prince Hall?

Book = Con, Pg = 27

18. The Grand Lodge of England was formed in

- a. 1917
- b. 1717
- c. 1712
- d. 1599

Book = Con, Pg = 4

19. Who is the Present Most Worshipful Grand Master of S.C.?

- a. Alonzo Hayes
- b. Nathaniel Durant, Jr.
- c. Curtis W. Mansel, Sr.
- d. Edward M. Gibson

Book = Con, Pg = 4

20. All Lodges should have by-laws

- a. True
- b. False

Book = Con, Pg = 23

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21. The Master of the lodge can serve
- a. Four years.
 - b. As long as the lodge requires his service.
 - c. Until he messes up.
- Book = Con, Pg = 23
22. A candidate who was rejected by one black ball may re-apply to the same lodge six months later
- a. True
 - b. False
- Book = Con, Pg = 27
23. The treasurer should be bonded.
- a. True
 - b. False
- Book = Con, Pg = 23
24. It is proper to have intoxicating liquors in the lodge as long
- a. As there are only brothers present.
 - b. During a fund raiser.
 - c. Not at all.
- Book = Con, Pg = 28
25. Guidelines for awarding the Rufus H. Foster, Jr. Scholarship is found in
- a. The constitution
 - b. The Grand Master's handbook
 - c. The District Deputy's lecture
- Book = Con, Pg = 43
26. Fellow craft and Entered Apprentices are entitled to a Masonic burial.
- a. True
 - b. False
- Book = Con, Pg = 46
27. Every Master Mason is entitled to a Masonic burial.
- a. True
 - b. False
- Book = Con, Pg = 27
28. A lodge may loan lodge funds
- a. To any needy brother.
 - b. Under no circumstances for any purpose.
 - c. If the brother is able to pay the funds back.
- Book = Con, Pg = 29
29. All men are equal in the eyes of
- a. Lodge members.
 - b. The Grand Lodge.
 - c. God.
- Book = Con, Pg = 8
30. A Fellow Craft or Entered Apprentice is allowed to visit a Lodge
- a. Not at all.
 - b. In the company of the Worshipful Master.
 - c. By permission from the Grand Lodge.
- Book = Con, Pg = 26

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31. Dispensations for opening and holding lodges is:
- a. The prerogative of the Grand Master.
 - b. Any Past Grand Master can issue it.
 - c. The duty of the legal advisor.
- Book = Con, Pg = 7
32. How should a candidate be prepared for the first degree of masonry? By being divested of all metallic substances, neither naked nor clothed, barefoot nor shod....
- a. Right knee and breast bare....
 - b. Left knee and breast....
 - c. Both knees and breast....
- Ritual = Pg = 23
33. What is proper Masonic dress?
- a. Black suit, white shirt, white socks, black tie, black gloves
 - b. Black suit, white shirt, Black socks, black tie, white gloves
 - c. Black suit, black shirt, Black socks white tie, white gloves
- Ritual = Pg = 33
34. After a lodge has been opened the first thing to be done is?
- a. Call lodge roll of officers
 - b. Check for sick or distressed members
 - c. Call for committee reports
- Ritual = Pg = 8
35. Masonic expulsion means:
- a. Masonic death
 - b. Dropped from the roll
 - c. Suspension of a member
- Ritual = Pg = 35
36. What is the name of the three ruffians?
- a. Shem, Ham, and Ezra
 - b. Boaz, Hiram, and Jephthah
 - c. Jubala, Jubalo, and Jubalum
- Ritual = Pg = 155
37. Where are the three places Hiram Abiff was hit on his body?
- a. Chest, Back and Shoulder
 - b. Back, Butt, and Side
 - c. Neck, Chest, and Head
- Ritual = Pg = 175
38. On removing the dirt from the body in the grave the brothers blocked the effluvia from the nostrils with which sign?
- a. due guard of entered apprentice
 - b. due guard of fellow craft
 - c. due guard of master mason
- Ritual = Pg = 166
39. What was the first sign given when reaching Grand Master Hiram Abiff's grave?
- a. Grand Honors because he was a Grand Master
 - b. Grand Hailing sign of distress
 - c. Master Mason because he was a master overseer
- Ritual = Pg = 168
40. How many Fellow Crafts conspired to kill Hiram Abiff?
- a. 12
 - b. 15
 - c. 9
- Ritual = Pg = 176

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41. The three missing craftsmen were From:

- a. Israel.
- b. Tyre.
- c. Joppa.

Ritual = Pg = 176

42. What was Hiram Abiff's Jewel?

- a. Plum
- b. Level
- c. Square

Ritual = Pg = 179

43. A lodge is always opened?

- a. On time
- b. By the Worshipful Master
- c. On the third degree
- d. None of the above

Ritual = Pg = 5

44. The Tyler should always be armed with what?

- a. A sharp saber
- b. A long cutlass
- c. A .357 Magnum
- d. A sword

Ritual = Pg = 5

45. When entering the lodge brothers should

- a. Take their seats
- b. Take their stations of places
- c. Wait for instructions from the master

Ritual = Pg = 5

46. If a brother arrives at the lodge late, has a dues card, password, and proper grip, does he enter the lodge?

- a. No unless the tyler tells him
- b. No unless he has permission from W.M.
- c. Yes if the J.D. permits him to enter

Ritual = Pg = 5

47. How does a brother vouch for a visitor?

- a. By having sat with him in a regular lodge meeting.
- b. By being his best friend
- c. By investigating the brother upon entering

Ritual = Pg = 6

48. If a brother can not be vouched for he must?

- a. Go back home and study the first degree
- b. Follow orders of S.W.
- c. Consider himself unworthy as a mason

Ritual = Pg = 6

49. What causes confusion in the craft?

- a. A loudmouth brother
- b. A brother without a password
- c. A W.M. who doesn't know what he is doing
- d. None of the above

Ritual = Pg = 8

50. The charter is the authority for:

- a. A lodge to assemble
- b. Make candidates
- c. A master to preside

Ritual = Pg = 8

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51. The sun at the meridian means it is

- a. At its highest point
- b. 12:00 noon
- c. Lunch time
- d. All of the above

Ritual = Pg = 9

52. Who pays the craft their wages?

- a. Senior Warden
- b. Grand Master
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

Ritual = Pg = 10

53. When opening or closing the lodge the bible should be

- a. Closed
- b. On the alter
- c. At the Chaplin's house

Ritual = Pg = 12

54. The Grand Master dictates what ritual will be used in S.C.

- a. True
- b. False

Ritual = Pg = 193

55. Whence came you?

- a. From Joppa to Jerusalem
- b. Ethiopia
- c. From a lodge of the Holy Saint Johns of Jerusalem
- c. District Deputy

Ritual = Pg = 50

56. How many Masons compose a Master Mason Lodge?

- a. Seven
- b. Three
- c. Five

Ritual = Pg = 186

57. What is a square?

- a. An angle of 90 degrees
- b. A forth part of a circle
- c. Both a and b

Ritual = Pg = 123

58. Where were you first prepared to become a Master Mason?

- a. In a room adjoining a just and duly constituted lodge
- b. In your heart
- c. In the anti-room

Ritual = Pg = 52

59. How many steps are on the winding stair case in the fellow craft degree?

- a. 10
- b. 7
- c. 12
- d. 15

Ritual = Pg = 104

60. What are the three precious jewels?

- a. Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses
- b. Square, Level, and Plumb
- c. Attentive Ear, Instructive Tongue, and a faithful breast

Ritual = Pg = 131

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61. Who welcomes and clothes visiting brothers?

- a. The Worshipful Master
- b. Tyler
- c. Senior Deacon
- d. Both A and C

Ritual = Pg = 9

62. What is a cable tow?

- a. The tie by which the candidate is bound
- b. A cable used to tow a truck
- c. A rope around a master mason's neck

Ritual = Pg = 240

63. The temple erected to God was an honor denied David , King of Israel because

- a. He was sick and old.
- b. He wanted his son to build it.
- c. He had to any concubines
- d. None of the above

Ritual = Pg = 173

64. No alarms should be made at the door of the lodge during

- a. Opening of the Lodge.
- b. Closing of the Lodge.
- c. Reading of the minutes.
- d. All of the above.

JP = Pg = 255

65. Members can not enter the lodge

- a. When the W.M. is presiding.
- b. Conferring degrees.
- c. When the lodge is at refreshment.
- d. None of the Above.

JP = Pg = 255

66. A Masonic reprimand is done by which officer?

- a. Worshipful Master
- b. Grand Master
- c. Grand Legal Advisor
- e. District Deputy

JP = Pg = 346

67. The qualifications of candidates are:

- a. Internal
- b. External
- c. Both of the above

JP = Pg = 49

68. The Masonic Jurisprudence contains history charges, regulations, etc.

- a. True
- b. False

JP = Pg = All

69. Lodges convened for special purposes are called Occasional Lodges.

- a. True
- b. False

JP = Pg = 9

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70. To make a mason at sight all the Grand Master has to say is it is so.
a. True
b. False
71. The Tyler enters the lodge and sits down after the lodge is opened.
a. True
b. False
72. Can a Virtual Past Master install the Master elect of a symbolic lodge?
a. Yes
b. No
73. Masonic censure
a. Is the mildest form of punishment that can be afflicted on a member.
b. Is a professional word used in a Royal Arch chapter.
74. No man can be in any particular lodge or admitted a member thereof without being
a. Voted upon
b. Balloted upon
c. Who knows
75. At the grave the head of the body should be at the West.
a. True
b. False
76. During a Cornerstone Laying, the lodge is opened on the:
a. 3rd degree
b. 1st degree
c. 2nd degree
77. During the Burial Ceremony, the Master leads the procession to the grave
a. True
b. False
78. The term exoteric means:
a. Private.
b. Public.
c. No Masonic significance.
79. The Cornerstone Ceremony is usually conducted by the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction or the Deputy Grand Master.
a. True
b. False
80. Upon arrival at the Cornerstone site, the stone should be
a. Ten feet above the ground.
b. Six feet above the ground.
c. Five and a half feet above the ground.

JP = Pg = 9

JP = Pg = 11

JP= Pg = 19

JP = Pg = 235

WMA = Pg = 83

WMA = Pg = 132

WMA = Pg = 97

WMA = Pg = 132

WMA = Pg = 127

WMA = Pg = 93

WMA = Pg = 98

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81. We know that a cornerstone is well formed, true and trusty, by what implements?
a. Gavel
b. Plumb, level, and square
c. Rough Ashler
WMA = Pg = 103
82. Is the casket behind the stone a time capsule?
a. Yes
b. No
WMA = Pg = 102
83. In the absence of the Master, who takes charge?
a. Senior Warden
b. A Past Warden
c. The Grand Master
WMA = Pg = 35
84. The Worshipful Master has nine duties.
a. True
b. False
WMA = Pg = 34
85. When laying a cornerstone, it is necessary to have a brother who is
a. Accustomed to public speaking
b. Knows how to lay a foundation
c. Is a well dressed
WMA = Pg = 95
86. After the consecration of the cornerstone the grand master prays, then he
a. Strikes the stone three times with his gavel
b. Removes his hat
c. Gives grand honors
WMA = Pg = 106
87. The worshipful master has how many prerogatives?
a. 14
b. 29
c. 15
d. 26
WMA = Pg = 19
88. Who opens the lodge when the Master is not present?
a. A Past Master
b. District Deputy or Special Deputy
c. Senior Warden
WMA = Pg = 22
89. How many votes does a Worshipful Master have in the Lodge?
a. One vote at all times
b. No vote on anything, and one vote to break a tied vote
c. One vote at all times and a tie breaking vote
WMA = Pg = 8
90. Who should sign checks in the Lodge?
a. Treasurer and Secretary
b. Worshipful Master and Secretary
c. Worshipful Master and Treasurer
WMA = Pg = 8

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91. What days do we celebrate St. John, the Baptist, and St. John, the Evangelist?

- a. June 1st and December 1st
- b. June 15th and December 15th
- c. June 24th and December 27th
- d. Any Sunday in June or December you choose

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92. Who was Tubal Cain's mother?

- a. Adah
- b. Ruth
- c. Zillah

Bible

93. Tubal Cain's grandfather was

- a. Solomon
- b. Methusael
- c. Lamech
- d. Enoch

Bible

94. Where is the apron first mentioned in the Bible?

- a. Genesis
- b. Exodus
- c. Numbers

Bible

95. What are the three main attributes necessary for a man to become a mason today?

- a. To be of lawful age
- b. Have a good character
- c. Have a means of support
- d. All of the above

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98. What year was Prince Hall Freemasonry chartered in the United States?

- a. 1776
- b. 1717
- c. 1784
- d. 1118

GK

99. The Masonic ritual for MWPHGL of SC is

- a. Duncan ritual.
- b. More Light.
- c. The Masonic Ritual for the jurisdiction of SC.

GK

100. Who was Prince Hall?

- a. A Grand Master from Barbados.
- b. A poet
- c. Father of black masonry in the U.S.A.

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