

# **More Light In Masonry**

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The following are sources of “more light” in Masonry.

- 1. Texas Lodge of Research**  
P. O. Box 1850  
Dallas, Texas 75221-1805

Publishes The Occasional Bulletin and annual transactions that include papers on Masonry in Texas. TLR meets quarterly at various sites across the state where “papers” are presented by the author. Transactions available at Texas Masonic libraries plus numerous local lodges.

Provides Masonic books for sale at numerous large Masonic meetings in the state.

- 2. CIS Masonic Report**  
P. O. Box 870523  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087-0014

An outstanding quarterly report of Masonic material and events. This publication addressed anti—Masonic material and events. Subscription rate: \$10.00 per year. Recommended for every Mason.

- 3. Masonic Service Association of North America**  
8120 Fenton Street  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785  
<http://www.msana.com>

Publishes The Short Talk Bulletin and other Masonic pamphlets. Back issues of bulletin available on many, many topics. Subscription to The Short Talk Bulletin: \$5 per year.

- 4. Masonic Book Club**  
P. O. Box 1563  
Bloomington, Illinois 61702

Publishes one book each year. These are generally reprints of out of print books plus other books and pamphlets of historical interest. Volume no. 30 to be published in 2000 A.D. Membership limited to 1500. Books are generally available at Texas Masonic libraries.

- 5. Library of the Grand Lodge of Texas**  
P. O. Box 446  
Waco, Texas 76703  
254-753-7395  
<http://www.gltexas.com>

Books available for check out by mail. A visit is worth the trip. Open daily, but it is suggested that you call to be certain it will be open and available for your use.

**6. Library of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Dallas**

500 S. Harwood  
Dallas, Texas 75221

An excellent collection with access limited. Librarian available to assist on Tuesday and Friday morning. Call the SR Office for access at other times. Houses Harry Carr's personal Masonic library.

**7. The Philaethes Society**

P. O. Box 70  
Highland Springs VA 23075-0070  
<http://www.freemasonry.org>

Publishes an excellent magazine, The Philaethes, covering Masonic topics.  
Membership: 1st year \$40.00 - Subsequent years \$30.00.

**8. *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum***

The transactions of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, England. Generally recognized as the premier research lodge of the world. Transactions generally available at Texas Masonic libraries.

**9. *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia* (Revised edition, 1995)**

Extensive coverage of Masonic topics. Published by Mccooy Publishing, but is generally available from the TLR book sale table. Cost: about \$70.00.

**10. Scottish Rite Research Society.** Washington.

Publishes The Plumbline (Quarterly pamphlet) and Heredom (yearly transactions of society.).

**11. Scottish Rite Journal** (publication of Scottish Rite - Southern Jurisdiction).

**12. Knight Templar** (monthly publication for York Rite Masons).

**13. *Masonry in Texas: Background, History, and Influence to 1846.*** Carter, James D.  
Grand Lodge of Texas, Waco. 1965.

# Recommended Reading List

Most of these books may be borrowed from  
THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS LIBRARY  
P.O. Box 446  
Waco, TX 76703  
254-753-7395

## Masonic “Primers”- First Books

**Introduction to Freemasonry** by Harry L. Haywood

Pocket-sized, less than 80 pages, easy reading, but will answer many of your questions about the origin and purpose of Masonry; the three degrees, the Side Orders, world Masonry.

**Introduction to Freemasonry** by Carl Claudy

Answers to the simple elementary inquiries of the new brother to whom all of Masonry is strange. Examines each of the three degrees in detail.

**The Builders** by Joseph Fort Newton

Written especially for the new Mason to tell him the things he would most like to know about Masonry - what it is, whence it came, what it teaches, what it is trying to do in the world.

**The Newly-Made Mason** by Harry L. Haywood

What he and every Mason should know about Masonry. Readable, concise, comprehensive. Covers briefly but adequately the origin, history, philosophy, symbolism, organization and operation of the Masonic Order.

## Masonic Symbolism

**The Craft and Its Symbols** by Allen Roberts

Opening the door to Masonic Symbolism. An adventure in reliving the experience of the three degrees and an opportunity to review the lessons taught. Illustrated.

**Masonic Symbolism** by Charles Clyde Hunt

Fifty-nine informative studies and interpretations of many Masonic symbols. Simple and readable, dependable, thorough, sound in interpretation, inspiring.

## What Does Freemasonry Teach?

**A Modern Mason Examines His Craft** by L. C. Helms

Balancing the facts and fiction that seem to surround Freemasonry. A short book designed to clarify and make salient aspects of the Craft more easily understood.

**The Great Teachings of Masonry** by Harry L. Haywood

What is it all about? What is it trying to do? How did it come to be? What are its central and permanent teachings?

**Freemasonry: Its Hidden Meaning** by George H. Steinmetz

The lectures and symbols are carefully and systematically examined so that the reader can really understand them.

## **A Little About the Ritual**

**Six Hundred Years of Craft Ritual** by Harry Carr

The development of our Masonic Ritual. Impressive documentation, absorbing style.

**A Commentary on the Freemasonic Ritual** by E. H. Cartwright

Like the above, this is from England. Harry Carr said of this one: "No one has written anything better in this particular field". Not available from library in Waco.

## **Some Famous Masons**

**Famous Masons and Masonic Presidents** by Harry L. Haywood

Interesting reading on this fascinating subject.

**Brother Truman** by Allen Roberts

A carefully researched book into the character and moral fiber of Harry S. Truman, President and Freemason.

**George Washington: Master Mason** by Allen Roberts

Of the many books written about George Washington, this is one of the few which approaches the man from a human interest standpoint.

## **Freemasonry in History**

**A Comprehensive View of Freemasonry** by Henry W. Coil

A brief but comprehensive view of Freemasonry from the earliest historical record to the present day.

**Freemasonry in American History** by Allen Roberts

A comprehensive and readable book of Freemasonry's relation to American History.

## **What is Freemasonry**

**A Pilgrim's Path** by John J. Robinson

A readable and well-written examination of Freemasonry which includes a critical look at its detractors.

**Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry?** by Art de Hoyos and S. Brent Morris

A historical and critical look at the arguments and tactics of anti-Masons.

Note: This reading list developed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa.