

Masonic Light Award Program

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota A.F. & A.M.



Leadership (100 Points Required)



Name: _____ Lodge: _____

Objective	Date Completed & Points Earned	Notes (Titles of Books, etc.)
1. Complete the MSA "Masonic Lifeline: Leadership" course. Course may be ordered through Grand Lodge of MN or through the publisher at goanchor.com (10 points).		
2. Attend a Leadership School. (5 points each)		
3. Read a book on Masonic leadership. (10 points each) *See Suggested Reading List attachment*		
4. Write a review of any of the books read in #3. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points each)		
5. Give an oral report in Lodge of any of the books read in #3. (10 minute minimum) (15 points each)		
6. Give a presentation at a Leadership School. (10 points)		
7. Organize and conduct a Lodge activity or program. (10 points/event)		
8. Hold a Lodge Officer position. (25 points/elected, 15 points appointed)		
9. Serve on a Lodge or a Grand Lodge Committee. (5 points Lodge/10 points Grand Lodge)		
10. Serve as a Chairman of a Lodge or Grand Lodge Committee. (10 points Lodge/20 points Grand Lodge)		
11. Participate on the Grand Lodge Speaker's Bureau. (10 points)		
12. Serve as a Grand Lodge Representative from another jurisdiction to Minnesota and correspond with your representative jurisdiction annually. (10 points/year)		
13. Give a talk on your activities as a Grand Lodge Representative,(to include District Representative or Area Deputy, Officer, etc.) at a Lodge Function (10 minute minimum) (15 points/each)		

Item #7 (in **BOLD**) is required to be completed and included in the 100 points earned in order to earn this objective. Additionally a minimum of 50 points must be earned in objectives 1-5, and a minimum of 50 points must be earned in objectives 6-13. Please attach copies of all papers written for possible Grand Lodge of Minnesota A.F. & A.M. distribution. Your paper(s) will be acknowledged if published.

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Masonic History (100 Points Required)



Name: _____ **Lodge:** _____

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1. Read a book in one of the following areas: Your Lodge, Minnesota Masonry, Masonry in the U.S., and Masonry in other countries. (10 points each)		
2. Write a review of any of the books read in #1. (minimum of 300 words) 10 points each)		
3. Give an oral report in Lodge of any of the books read in #1. (minimum of 10 minutes) (15 points each)		
4. Write a report on contemporary Masons involved in U.S. government. (Minimum of 300 words) (10 points)		
5. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #4 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
6. Update or write a history of your Lodge. (3 points update/5 points original)		
7. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #6 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
8. Write a paper on the history of the ritual coming to the U.S. or Minnesota (minimum of 300 words) (10 points)		
9. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #8 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
10. Research and write on the relationship of Freemasonry to American history and/or Minnesota history. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points)		
11. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #10 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
12. Prepare and give a talk in Lodge on the Biblical and historical reference to King Solomon's Temple. (minimum of 10 minutes) (20 points)		
13. Prepare and write an article on the relationship of the Established Church to Freemasonry. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points)		
14. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #13 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
15. Conduct an interview with either an older Past Master or a more well-informed Brother on a Masonic Subject and write a report. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points)		
16. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #15 (10 minutes		

minimum) (15 points)		
17. Write a biography of a well-known Minnesota Mason. (Minimum 300 words) (10 points)		
18. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #17 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
19. Research and report on the advances and declines of Minnesota Masonry from Grand Lodge Proceedings. (minimum of 600 words) (20 points)		
20. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #19 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
21. Read a book or article on the transition of Freemasonry from Operative to Speculative. (10 points each)		
22. Write a review of any of the books read in #21. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points each)		
23. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #22 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
24. Arrange for a guest lecturer to give a presentation relating to Masonic history at a Table Lodge. (List dates and speakers) (2 points each)		
25. Take pictures of at least six buildings in Minnesota having a Masonic history and present a report at a Lodge meeting (10 minute minimum) (25 points)		

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Masonic Ritual (100 Points Required)

Name: _____ Lodge: _____

Objective	Date Completed & Points Earned	Notes (Titles of Books, etc.)
1. Participate in a degree. (other than delivering a lecture) (25 points max) *Please see Degree Parts Point Value attachment*		
2. Present a lecture for a degree. (25 points max) (any 1 st section – 8 points, any 2 nd section – 15 points, any 3 rd section – 25 points)		
3. Write an interpretation of a lecture or some part of a degree. (25 points max) (10 points for preparing written paper, 300 word minimum) (15 points for presentation of paper in Lodge, 10 minute minimum)		
4. Lodge of Instruction (25 points maximum) Attend and observe (6 points) Take part (point values determined by Degree Parts Point Value attachment)		
5. Observe a degree in a Minnesota Lodge other than your own. (8 points maximum, 4 points each visit)		
6. Conduct the posting (proficiency) examination in open Lodge. (8 points max) (4 points each examination)		
7. Visit a Lodge under a jurisdiction other than The Grand Lodge of Minnesota. (12 points maximum) (6 points each visitation)		
8. Take a monitor examination (40 points max) (40 points for examination)		
9. Receive Lecture Certification. (Third Grade – 5 points, Second Grade – 7 points, First Grade – 13 points)		
10. Write a research paper on some aspect of Masonic ritual e.g. inconsistencies in the ritual (25 points max)) (10 points for preparing written paper, 300 word minimum) (15 points for presentation of paper in Lodge, 10 minute minimum)		

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Philosophy and Masonic Symbolism (100 Points Required)

Name: _____ Lodge: _____

Objective	Date Completed & Points Earned	Notes (Titles of Books, etc.)
1. Read a book on Masonic Symbolism (10 points)		
2. Write a review on any of the above books read in #1. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points each)		
3. Give an oral report in Lodge of any of the books read in #1. (10 minute minimum) (15 points each)		
4. Read a book on Masonic Philosophy (10 points)		
5. Write a review on any of the above books read in #4. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points each)		
6. Give an oral report in Lodge of any of the books read in #4. (10 minute minimum) (15 points each)		
7. Prepare and give a talk in Lodge on the symbolism of any aspect of the degrees. (10 minute minimum) (20 points)		
8. Prepare and give a talk in Lodge on the Biblical symbolism of any of the degrees. (10 minute minimum) (20 points)		
9. Prepare and write an article on the relationship of Masonic principles to our contemporary society (300 words minimum) (15 points)		
10. Give an oral report in Lodge on the article written in #9. (10 minute minimum) (15 points)		
11. Write a paper on your personal views of Masonic Philosophy (300 word minimum) (15 points)		
12. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #11. (10 minute minimum) (15 points)		
13. Take or obtain pictures of buildings richly endowed with Masonic symbolism. (15 points)		
14. Make a display and present your pictures in Lodge with a narration. (10 minute minimum) (15 points)		
15. Interview an older or well-informed		

Brother regarding Masonic Philosophy or Symbolism and transcribe that session into a written report. (300 word minimum) (20 points)		
16. Present your interview from # 15 in Lodge. (10 minute minimum) (15 points)		
17. Prepare and give at talk in Lodge on the philosophy of the anti-Masonic movement. (10 minute minimum) (20 points)		
18. Present in Lodge three objects older than 25 years of age or older imprinted with Masonic symbols. Explain their symbolism and conduct a 10 minute minimum presentation wit discussion (20 points)		
19. Prepare and give a talk in Lodge on the relationship of customs and objects of ancient craft Masonry to the fraternity today. (10 minute minimum) (20 points)		

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Computers & Masonic Forums (100 Points Required)

Name: _____ Lodge: _____

Objective	Date Completed & Points Earned	Notes (Titles of Books, etc.)
1. Read a book on Introduction to Computers or a related computer topic on operation, software, web developing, etc. (10 points/10 points max)		
2. Write a review of the book read in #1. (minimum 300 words) (15 points)		
3. Give a report in Lodge on the book read in #1. (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
4. Take a course on computers or a software program. (10 points)		
5. Write a review of the course taken in #4. (300 words minimum) (15 points)		
6. Give a report in Lodge on the course taken in #4. (10 minute minimum) (15 points)		
7. Use a software program to develop, move, store, retrieve, and print text. (10 points)		
8. Use a software program as a database to develop information on Lodge members. (15 points)		
9. Join a Masonic computer forum/discussion blog. (10 points each/40 points max)		
10. Write a report on the forum/discussion blog activity in #9. (300 words minimum) (15 points)		
11. Give a report in Lodge on the forum/discussion blog activity in #9. (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
12. Serve as systems operator for a Masonic Bulletin Board System (sysop), Create a Masonic Web page on the World Wide Web, Administer an FTP server on Gopher. (10 points each/40 points max)		
13. Write a paper on "Masonry and Computer Forums." This paper should include, but is not limited to, a discussion or interaction with members of other jurisdictions, differences and similarities between jurisdictions and the role of computers in Masonry .(25 points)		
14. Create a Facebook page on Masonry,		

while maintaining compliance with the Grand Lodge of MN "Computer Use and Internet Policy". (5 points each/10points max)		
15. Complete the correspondence course on The Grand Lodge of MN "Computer & Internet Policy." (10 points)		

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Contemporary Enlightenment (100 Points Required)

Name: _____

Lodge: _____

Objective	Date Completed & Points Earned	Notes (Titles of Books, etc.)
1. Belong to and participate in an Educational Lodge in Minnesota. (5 points each)		
2. Belong to a Research Lodge. (See listings published by Grand Lodge) (5 points each)		
3. Subscribe to a Masonic Magazine (e.g. Philalethes, Royal Arch Mason, Knights Templar, Northern Light, etc.) (5 points each)		
4. Belong to the Minnesota Masonic Book Club. Use the below link to the Grand Lodge Website for application and directions to enroll. (5 points) http://www.mn-masons.org/sites/mn-masons.org/files/Book%20club%20form%202007.pdf		
5. Subscribe to the MSA Short Talk Bulletins. (5 points)		
6. Present a reading in Lodge (Short Talk Bulletin, book or magazine excerpt) and conduct a short discussion on the material presented. (minimum 10 minutes) (15 points)		
7. Write a report on information obtained from any of the books, resources, magazines (300 word minimum) (10 points)		
8. Give an oral report in Lodge on the paper written in #7 (10 minutes minimum) (15 points)		
9. Carve an object from stone. Show carving in Lodge and describe the experience of working in stone. (25 points)		
10. Collect ten articles mentioning Masonry from current non-Masonic publications. (10 points)		
11. Prepare and give a lecture on a Masonic subject to a non-Masonic group. (10 minute minimum) (20 points)		

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Masonic Mentoring (100 Points Required)

Name: _____ Lodge: _____

Objective	Date Completed & Points Earned	Notes (Titles of Books, etc.)
1. Participate in an investigation interview with a potential candidate for Masonry in your Lodge. Remember that three Brothers appointed by the Master compose the investigation committee. (5 points each/10 points max)		
2. Present the Minnesota Mentoring Program Power Point Presentation to a Lodge. The Power Point is located at the following link and then scroll to #13: http://www.mn-masons.org/masonic-educational-resources/lodge-powerpoint-presentations (10 points/presentation) (10 points max) *Presentation compiled by MWB Neil Neddermeyer.		
3. Present the "What Every new Mason Should Know" Power Point Presentation to a Lodge with recently raised Master Masons. The Power Point is located at the following link and then scroll to #12. http://www.mn-masons.org/masonic-educational-resources/lodge-powerpoint-presentations (10 points/presentation) (20 points max) *Presentation compiled by MWB Neil Neddermeyer.		
4. Help a candidate with the posting (proficiency exam) work. (24 points max) (8 points each time for any of them)		
5. Complete the Mentoring Program in its entirety (Parts 1 - 13) with a new candidate. The Mentoring Program is located at this link; http://www.mn-masons.org/node/10270 Or a paper copy can be mailed if desired. Candidates' names must be listed. A copy of Part 13 (survey) also must be attached when this proficiency is submitted. (30 points Max) (20 points 1 st candidate, 10 points 2 nd candidate)		
6. Review the Quest Booklets with your Mentee. They are located at this link: http://www.mn-masons.org/node/10271 (2 points/booklet) (12 points max)		
7. Have your Mentee complete the EA, FC, or MM Degree Quizzes and review the answers with him. They are both located at this link; 		

masons.org/node/10271 (5 points/quiz) (15 points max)		
8. Do a “Degree Walkthrough” with a candidate within 2 weeks of him receiving his EA, FC, or MM degree. This “Degree Walkthrough” consists of walking the candidate through the Blue Lodge and explaining the degree and what was happening throughout the entire degree. (5 points/each time) (10 points max)		
9. Organize a “Dusty Square & Compass” program for you Lodge. Program is located on the Grand Lodge Website under “Lodge Resources”. (15 points as Chairman, 5 points as participant, 1 point for attending)		
10. Review the “Good Questions and Answers” booklet (from the Old Counselors Guide) with a newly raised Brother(s) located under Mentor Program on the Grand Lodge Website. After reviewing, please write a 300+ word paper on the experience (15 points)		
11. Prepare a correspondence course (patterned after those currently in use) on some aspect of Masonry not covered by the current program. (15 points each) (30 points max)		

At least one of the three quizzes in #7 is required for completion. Please attach copies of all papers written for possible Grand Lodge of Minnesota A.F. & A.M. distribution. Your paper(s) will be acknowledged if published.

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Lodge Administration (100 Points Required)

Name: _____ Lodge: _____

Objective	Date Completed & Points Earned	Notes (Titles of Books, etc.)
1. Complete the Minnesota Code Study correspondence course. (10 points)		
2. Attend Secretary's School. (5 points)		
3. Read the Lodge Secretary's Handbook. (10 points)		
4. Conduct a Masonic Funeral or Memorial Service. (10 points each)		
5. Serve as the Installing Officer for a Lodge Installation. (10 points each)		
6. Direct a formal reception for the Grand Master or other distinguished guest (as authorized by Masonic Manual of Minnesota). (10 points each)		
7. Attend any activities listed in objectives 4, 5, or 6. (5 points each)		
8. Read a book on Masonic Administration. (10 points each) *See Suggested Reading List attachment*		
9. Write a review of any of the books read in #8. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points each)		
10. Give an oral report in Lodge of any of the books read in #8. (10 minute minimum) (15 points each)		
11. Complete the "Masonic Manual of Minnesota Correspondence Course". (10 points)		

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Concordant/Appendant Bodies (100 Points Required)



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1. Be a member in good standing of any of the Concordant or Appendant Bodies, or belong to a Masonic Club. These bodies/clubs must be recognized by the Grand Lodge of MN. A copy of current year dues card required. (5 points/organization, 10 points max)		
2. Be an elected officer/head of body of one of the Concordant/Appendant Bodies. (5 points/term, 10 points max)		
3. Read a book relating to your Concordant/Appendant body. (10 points/book)		
4. Write a review of any of the books read in #3. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points each)		
5. Give an oral report at a stated communication of your Concordant/Appendant body on any of the books read in #3. (10 minute minimum) (15 points each)		
6. Participate in a degree/ritual work for your Concordant/Appendant body. (5 points/role)		
7. Write a paper on the symbolism of one of the degrees/rituals pertaining to your individual Concordant/Appendant body. (minimum of 300 words) (10 points each)		
8. Give an oral report at a stated communication of your Concordant/Appendant body on the paper completed in #7. (10 minute minimum) (15 points each)		
9. Complete the Master Craftsman Program for the Scottish Rite. Written proof is required (20 points)		
10. Participate in a York Rite Knight Templar Commandery Inspection. (1 points/sideline, 5 points for one of nine active roles)		
11. Participate in a Shrine Club/Unit (5 points/club, 10 points max)		
12. Volunteer at the Shrine Circus (5 points).		
13. Serve on a committee within your Concordant/Appendant body on the		

local, state, or national level. (3 points/local, 5 points/state, 10 points/national)		
14. OPEN CATEGORY FOR ADDITIONS (Please check with Masonic Light Award Program Coordinator for approval of your idea)		

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