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A short list of Books recommended to those Brethren desirous of making an advancement in Masonic Knowledge.

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HISTORY.

1. **The Birth and Growth of the Grand Lodge of England.**

A Short History of English Freemasonry since 1717 recommended as an Introduction.

2. **Freemasonry before the existence of Grand Lodge.** *Vibert.*

Marshals all the known references to Freemasonry before 1717.

3. **The Story of the Craft.** *Vibert.*

A general survey of the Order.

4. **The History of Freemasonry.** *Gould, 3 vols.*

Still the standard History of Freemasonry throughout the World though written 50 years ago. Erudite, detailed and authoritative. The three Volumes have each over 500 pages and readers are recommended to read first the next book No. 5.

5. **A Concise History of Freemasonry.** *Gould.*

A shorter form of No. 4.

6. **History of the Lodge of Edinburgh.** *Murray Lyon.*

The best book on Scottish Masonry.

7. **History of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.** *Lepper and*

Irish Masonry in fascinating detail. [Crossle.]

8. **The Four Old Lodges.** *Gould.*

An account of the four Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of England in 1717.

9. **Military Lodges.** *Gould.*
Regimental Lodges in the course of their travels carried Masonry into many lands.
10. **Masonic Facts and Fictions.** *Sadler.*
Sadler was Grand Tyler and Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England. This book gives an account of the rise of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients.
11. **Masonic Reprints and Historical Revelations.** *Sadler.*
Contains many interesting episodes in the side tracks of Freemasonry.
12. **History of the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2.** *Firebrace.*
^{2 vols.}
One of the Time Immemorial Lodges which formed Grand Lodge in 1717.
13. **Ancient Freemasonry and the Old Dundee Lodge.** *Heiron.*
The History of an old London Lodge. Good reading.
14. **Freemasonry in the Thirteen Colonies.** *Tatsch.*
The early History of the Craft in the United States.
15. **Freemasonry in Bristol.** *Pouch and Littleton.*
An account of Freemasonry in the Province of Bristol with its many interesting customs surviving from early times.
16. **The Builders.** *Rev. J. Fort Newton.*
17. **Brothers and Builders.** *Rev. J. Fort Newton.*
18. **The Men's House.** *Rev. J. Fort Newton.*
Probably more widely read than any other books by Masons desirous of learning what Masonry stands for.
19. **Illustrations of Freemasonry.** *Preston.*
20. **The Spirit of Masonry.** *Hutchinson.*
21. **A Candid Disquisition.** *Calcott.*
Three 18th Century books on Freemasonry. The first books about Masonry as distinct from the Books of Constitutions and the flood of exposures. Preston was an outstanding figure in the 2nd half of the 18th Century. His book reached its 17th edition in 1862.
22. **Freemasonry. Its Vision and Call.** *Johnson.*

RITUAL.

23. **Masonic Ritual.** *Hobbs.*

Masonic Ritual discussed as far as it is possible to treat of such a subject. One of the excellent series published by the Masonic Record.

24. **Emulation Working Explained.** *Inman.*

An exposition of the ritual as worked in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. By a past member of the Committee. Most helpful to all working Officers of any Lodge.

25. **The Director of Ceremonies.** *Rose.*

Deals fully with the duties of this Officer and contains other interesting items such as a description of the Grand Lodge Certificate sometimes given when presenting it to the Master Mason.

26. **Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry.** *Hughan.*

The work of one of the finest Masonic Students. His books fill three pages of our Catalogue. Has special reference to the Royal Arch Degree.

27. **History of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.** *Sadler.*

An account of the best known Lodge of Ritual Instruction whose working is the standard for most Lodges.

28. **A Century of Masonic Work being a History of the Stability Lodge of Instruction.** *Golby.*

Perhaps the second best known ritual.

29. **A short account of the Lodges of Promulgation Reconciliation Stability and Emulation.** *Hallett.*

When the two Grand Lodges known as the Ancients and the Moderns were united in 1813 it became necessary to arrive at an agreed ritual. This book tells how it was done.

30. **The Master Mason's Handbook.** *Crowe.*

31. **The Irish Master Mason's Handbook.** *Crowe.*

32. **The Scottish Master Mason's Handbook.** *Crowe.*

These three books form an interesting comparison of the workings of Masonry in the three Kingdoms.

MASONIC LAW.

33. **Masonic Jurisprudence.** *Lawrence.*

34. **The Law and Custom of Freemasonry.** *Edwards.*

These two books deal with the Laws of Freemasonry as laid down in the Book of Constitutions and their application to particular cases. Should be studied by every Brother.

BIOGRAPHY.

35. **Thomas Dunckerley.** *Sadler.*

36. **Lawrence Dermott.** *Bywater.*

Biographies of two 18th Century Masons. Dermott, the leading spirit of the Ancients, Dunckerley, A Modern Stalwart and Provincial Grand Master of many Provinces.

THE OLD CHARGES.

37. **The Old Charges.** *Poole.*

By the leading authority of today on those old M.S.S. which are the connecting links between the Operative Masonry of the 15th, 16th, and 17th Centuries and the Speculative of the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries.

38. **The Regius Poem (c. 1390).**

39. **The Wood M.S.S. 1612.**

40. **The Inigo Jones, c. 1725.**

These are facsimile reproductions of three of the Old Charges. The originals of the two latter are in our own Library.

41. **The First Book of Constitutions 1723.** Reprint. *Vibert.*

42. **Jackin and Boaz.** Reprint. *Leicester Lodge of Research.*

A reprint of perhaps the most popular exposure of the 18th Century. It is still being printed for the edification of the Public and the Brethren and the profit of the Publisher.

43. **Masonic Emblems and Jewels.** *Hammond.*

An illustrated description of some of the Treasures in the Grand Lodge Museum.

44. **The Treasury of Masonic Thought.**

A compendium of essays and articles from many sources by the best known Masonic authors.

45. **The British Masonic Miscellany.** *20 vols.*

Twenty Volumes of pocket size full of interesting articles reprinted from divers sources. Strongly recommended for general reading. Every Lodge should have a set to loan to its Members.

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