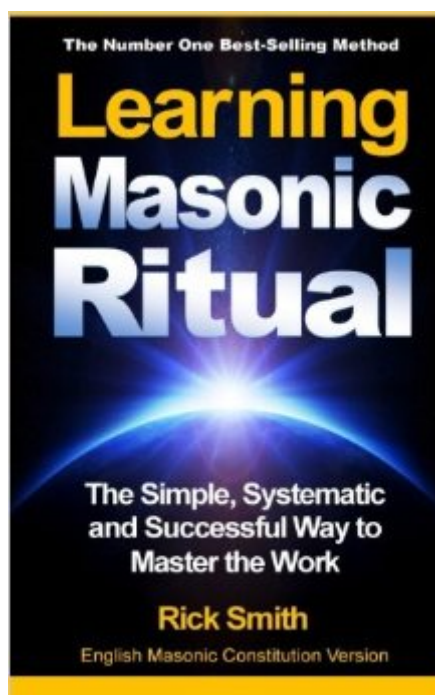


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Learning Masonic Ritual: The Simple, Systematic And Successful Way To Master The Work



Synopsis

Learn the Ritual 'Secret Weapons'...In *Learning Masonic Ritual - The Simple, Systematic and Successful Way to Master the Work*, author Rick Smith has combined the Secret Weapons of Great Ritualists into a structured process that anyone can follow. Whether you're new to Freemasonry and looking for a jump-start, or you've tried and failed to learn Ritual in the past, this Three-Stage System will show you how to succeed. Most people are capable of learning and performing Ritual, but many simply haven't found the best approach. This book lays out proven techniques and methods that you can integrate into your everyday life. Eliminate the Common Mistakes...The most common mistakes are explained and removed, you are taught how to plan properly, and introduced to Tips and Tricks used by successful Ritualists to make it look easy. Learning Masonic Ritual equips you with a Complete Coaching System, emphasising Competence, Confidence and Sincerity, to achieve your goals in record time. You could spend years developing and learning these techniques by yourself, or you could master the Secret Weapons in a weekend and vastly enhance your enjoyment and understanding of Freemasonry by becoming an active participant in the Ritual of your Lodge. This version is based on English Craft Ritual; however the techniques and methods are equally valid for any Masonic Ritual system. Here are some of the Kindle Reviewers' comments; "Just finished reading this book and was enthralled by the explanation for time keeping and method of learning. I'm far from the best for remembering long passages so this will help and I will put it to the test. I've just passed to 2nd degree & will start on the 1st degree charge just so I know it. As you can imagine it's a fairly long piece and when you're standing there it's a bit daunting. Thank you for writing this and now I can use this method for future reference". - Mr G. 28 July 2013 "I wish this was available when I first joined the Craft! Essential guidance for both the new Freemason who is daunted by the work that may lie ahead, but also the seasoned ritualist whose advancing years have made it more difficult to recall and retain like he used to! Also a useful tool for Lodge Mentors to have in their armoury to encourage the less experienced mason to progress" - Jim Tull, 28th June 2013 "This book was written mostly for brothers working under the Grand Lodge of England, so the terms used for the various parts of the work, as well as some of the officers' titles can be confusing to those of us in the southern U.S., but Brother Smith still delivers a good lecture on both the joys and importance of the ritual, as well as an effective means to help learn and polish your parts. My mentor took me by a slightly different path, but I still recognized some of the things they made me do; this book offered more light on why to do it that way, and some options to improve the process. An excellent essay, and well worth the modest price. I'm sure these methods can be applied to all types of learning. Give it a try!" - Thomas E Ezell, July 2nd

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A reasonably short read that presents a memorization system that works. While focused on tacking the long monologues that appear in the degree rituals for officers, I was also able to apply it to memorizing the "long form" proficiency required for the degrees in my state. He emphasizes how to memorize optimally, with less effort, and setting a schedule. And most importantly, scheduling time to not only have the words down, but also to work on presentation and NOT BEING BORING. While actors use phone apps like "Script Rehearser" to memorize their lines, there are some particular requirements for masons that make that unworkable. But it's also true that the rituals have been memorized word for word for hundreds of years before us, and previous masons built a lot of memory hooks built into the ritual texts, including passages with alliteration, rhymes, and patterns of letters. Part of the fun of masonry is finding these patterns as you memorize the ritual words. The

author touches on this as much as he is able to in the untyped forum of a book available to the public while still maintaining masonic secrets, and there are no spoilers that would make lower degree masons avoid this book. Faced with memorizing 16 pages of dialog in cypher text was intimidating. Smith's book gave me the tools to handle that, and succeed, without stressing out, and having a realistic idea of how long I would need to work to get it down and sound natural.

Not exactly what I thought it would be, though perhaps that's my fault. I thought it would help me from EA-MM but it's more for learning the rituals for officers I believe. Will hold onto it though, it'll probably come in handy later.

Although the book is specific for UK ritual, the method is useful. Just need to substitute some of the titles to make sense to us Yanks.

An extremely useful book for any sincere Mason who wish to deliver the best pieces for his Lodge. Rick has unveiled practical secrets that could unleash the fullest potential of any ordinary Mason into a star Ritualist. If you're looking for just ordinary learning tips and boring advice on mastering masonic ritual, this book is NOT FOR YOU.

Smith shares an interesting system for learning ritual work. US readers should know that it is geared to the UK, so a large number of details (titles, specifics, procedures) are likely different. That being said, the system is clear and most interesting.

The book has a little bit of repetitiveness and can be basic in parts.....BUT Ive been Freemason 38 years, I read it and followed the advise i was amazed!.....it actually works!

The book provides simple and logical advice which should prove effective for learning and delivering well presented Masonic ritual. I recommend the book.

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