



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge  
Of  
Free & Accepted Masons in Georgia

# Masonic Code Course Examination

Study Material ~ Any Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM Code 2007 through 2010



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Before you begin the code course...  
Please read and do the following:

**FIRST:** This "Masonic Code Course" is formatted in "pdf" (portable document format).  
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**SECOND:** PRINT an answer sheet. (page 6)

**NEXT:** You may either print the code course or save it to disk and work from your computer. Write your answers on the PRINTED answer sheet and mail or eMail them to your MELD Education Director.

## REMEMBER

- ✓ The numbers on the answer sheets correspond to the question numbers.
- ✓ Read each question carefully.
- ✓ Find the **Code** Section that applies to that question and review the Section carefully.
- ✓ When you have determined the correct answer, write your answer on the answer sheet next to the question number
- ✓ Do not use ink, use pencil so if you decide to change the answer it can be erased.
- ✓ Do not mark through an answer you want to change, erase your answer completely and put a new answer next to it.
- ✓ Use plain, block capital letters. ("**T**", "**F**", "**A**", "**B**", "**C**" or "**D**")
- ✓ Do not use cursive (script) letters. It is very easy to confuse one or more of these.
- ✓ Make certain that you write your answer next to the correct question number.
- ✓ For "**TRUE ~ FALSE**" questions, mark the answer either "**T**" or "**F**".
- ✓ For "**MULTIPLE CHOICE**" questions, mark the "**BEST**" answer (either "**A**", "**B**", "**C**" or "**D**"), Please NOTE: There may be more than one "correct" answer or no "correct" answer, choose the "**BEST ANSWER**" from the choices given.

**LAST:** When you have answered all questions, send your Answer Sheet to your District Director of Masonic Education for scoring. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so that, after scoring, your answer sheet can be returned to you. [See the last page for the name and address of your District Director of Masonic Education.](#)

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RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY**



# The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia Georgia Masonic Code SELF-STUDY COURSE (2007 - 2010 Masonic Code)

## Instructions

The Georgia Masonic Code Self-Study Course is designed to help you increase your knowledge of Grand and Constituent Lodge operations and laws in Georgia. The goal of the course is to assist you in developing your skills in finding the various Georgia Masonic laws contained in the **Georgia Masonic Code** and familiarize you with the operation and organization of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia and its subordinate Lodges throughout the State.

Before you begin this Course you should familiarize yourself with the general organization of the

## 2007 - 2010 Georgia Masonic Code

### The Georgia Masonic Code is divided into three basic “Sections”

- ◆ The Constitution,
- ◆ The General Code and
- ◆ The Penal Code

### These three “Sections” are further divided into seven “Titles”

- ◆ Constitution
- ◆ Grand Lodge
- ◆ Constituent Lodges
- ◆ District Conventions
- ◆ Lodges of Research
- ◆ Miscellaneous
- ◆ Penal

These “**Titles**” are divided into “**Chapters**” or general subjects.

These “**Chapters**” are further divided into “**Sub-Sections**” or paragraphs (individual laws).

The key to the proper and effective use of the **Code** is thoroughly understanding how the **Code** is organized and how to use the Indexes to find a particular Section or law.

An “*Outline of Chapters*” at the front of the **Masonic Code** book and the “*General Index*” and “*Penal Index*” at the rear are provided to assist you in finding a particular Section (law) on a given subject.

## **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

You should thoroughly familiarize yourself with the general organization of the **Georgia Masonic Code** by studying the

**“Outline of Chapters”**  
at the front of the **Code**,

Then review the structure of the alphabetical

**“General Index”**  
and  
**“Penal Index”**

at the back of the **Code**.

### **Reviewing and using the indexes.**

Remember that Freemasonry, like most disciplines, has its own unique language. For instance, if you are looking for “catechism proficiency” it can be found in the index under the term "Advancement". Always keep in mind you should use Masonic language in your attempt to find a desired code section.

**Use ANY year, 2007 -2010 of the Masonic Code.**

The Georgia Masonic Code SELF-STUDY COURSE is divided into three parts to correspond with the three parts of the Grand Lodge of Georgia Code Book.

### **Part One**

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia F.& A.M.  
(*Chapters 1-1 through 1-7*)  
and

Laws governing the operation of The Grand Lodge of Georgia F.& A.M.  
(*Chapters 2-1 through 12-1*).

### **Part Two**

Laws governing the operation of Constituent Lodges  
(*Chapters 21-1 through 51-1*).

### **Part Three**

District Conventions (*Chapter 61-1*)  
Lodges of Research (*Chapter 66-1*)  
Miscellaneous (*Chapter 71-1*) and  
The Penal Code (*Chapters 76-1 through 86-1*).

## PLEASE REMEMBER

**A score of 70% or better is required to receive a certificate.**

This Course **is not** designed to test your *knowledge* of the **Georgia Masonic Code**, but rather to help you *learn to use the Code efficiently and effectively* in your search for answers regarding the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Georgia F.&A.M.

~ **THIS IS AN “OPEN BOOK” COURSE** ~

**Use the 2007 CODE BOOK to look up answers to the questions ~ The only reference material you will need is an up-to-date copy of the “2007 Georgia Masonic Code”.**

If you do not have a copy of the Georgia Masonic Code for the year 2007 you should purchase one from your Lodge secretary or order one from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Grand Secretary.

The next page is the “Answer Sheet”. The answer sheet must be printed. You will answer the questions -in pencil- on this sheet and, when you have finished you will send it to the Director of Education of your Masonic District. He will score the answer sheet and return it to you. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for the Director of Education to

***Send or eMail your completed answer sheet to the  
MELD Director for YOUR district.***

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**CONTINUE TO**  
**Code Course Answer Sheet**  
**(print a copy of the answer sheet to mark your answers on)**

# GEORGIA MASONIC CODE ANSWER SHEET

## Grand Lodge of Georgia F.& A.M. Masonic Code Self Study Course

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### ANSWERS

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# The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Georgia

## **QUESTIONS ON CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 12 OF THE MASONIC CODE OF GEORGIA**

(Constitution and Grand Lodge)

### **PART ONE**

#### **TRUE / FALSE Questions**

1. The Fifty-Year Membership Button is awarded only to a Brother who has been a member of a Georgia Lodge in good standing for 50 consecutive years.
2. Grand Representatives to Foreign Jurisdictions, appointed by the Grand Master, may be any Master Mason who is a member of a Georgia Lodge and may be removed by the Grand Master at will.
3. The Dewey Harold Wollstein Award is given to one who has contributed to Masonic growth by his writings or through the sharing of his wisdom knowledge of Masonry.
4. The Grand Lodge Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote at one regular Communication and a three-fourths vote at the following Communication.
5. The Grand Master may sell or convey any property of the Grand Lodge at his sole discretion.
6. The income of the Masonic Home Endowment Fund can only be paid out upon majority vote of the Grand Lodge.
7. No Lodge of Freemasons can legitimately exist or exercise Masonic privileges or duty in the State of Georgia without the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.
8. There shall be no less than two District Deputies to the Grand Master appointed to serve in each Masonic Sub-district.
9. The Secretary of each local Lodge is required to designate on each dues card issued the highest office that the particular member holds or has held in his Lodge.
10. The Grand Master alone appoints the Grand Marshall, Grand Chaplain and First Grand Steward.
11. The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home may employ teachers to help in its plans of education of the children.
12. Any Lodge not represented by the Worshipful Master or his proxy or delegate at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for three consecutive years shall automatically lose its charter At the close of the third Communication.
13. Dues or per capita tax to the Grand Lodge are payable on August 1st each year.
14. The Grand Lodge provides its present support to the Masonic Home by a \$6.00 per capita tax charged each Master Mason who is a member of a Georgia Lodge on June 30th of each year.
15. The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home may not sell any property belonging to the Home without prior permission of the Grand Lodge.
16. A Past Master of a regular Lodge outside the State of Georgia who is residing in Georgia may become an affiliated Past Master with all the privileges thereof upon majority vote of the Georgia Lodge in which he also holds membership.
17. In general, no educational literature shall be distributed by the Grand Lodge until approved by the Educational and Historical Commission.
18. A Twenty-five Year Membership award is given by the Grand Lodge.
19. The Worshipful Master of any particular Lodge may nominate only another Past Master of his Lodge as his proxy to a Grand Lodge Communication.

20. All Past Masters of Georgia Lodges are permanent members of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.
21. It is required that appropriate homage be paid to the Supreme Architect of the Universe before proceeding to business and before the adjournment of each Grand Lodge Communication.
22. The Jurisprudence Committee shall review all Bills filed for consideration by the Grand Lodge, determine whether they are in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code, and recommend their passage or rejection by the Grand Lodge.
23. The District Deputies to the Grand Master are not authorized to render decisions on Masonic Jurisprudence.
24. All the following Grand Lodge Committees consist of only three members: Grand Master's Address; Finance; Foreign Correspondence; Masonic Home Endowment Fund; Code Supplement; Tax; Law; and Higher Education Fund.
25. It is required that the Worshipful Master of each Lodge appoint a Director of Work during the Annual Communication of the Lodge.

**MULTIPLE CHOICE Questions - Best Answer**

26. All Bills to be considered for passage by the Grand Lodge to change or add to the **Masonic Manual and Code**, or a Resolution for expenditure of money shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than:
  - (a) one hour before the opening Session of the Annual Communication.
  - (b) August 15th before the Annual Communication.
  - (c) the end of the next preceding Annual Communication.
  - (d) August 1st. before the Annual Communication.
27. The Grand Lodge may elect Honorary Members by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote.
  - (a) majority
  - (b) two-thirds
  - (c) unanimous
  - (d) None of the above
28. Codification of amendments to the Constitution, enactments of the Grand Lodge, and resolutions relating to rulings of the Grand Master become part of the Masonic Code upon
  - (a) codification by the Code Supplement Committee
  - (b) approval by the Grand Master
  - (c) adoption by the Grand Lodge at the next regular Communication
  - (d) None of the above
29. A special fee of \$10.00 is due to the Grand Lodge at initiation to be used for
  - (a) the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund
  - (b) the Masonic Service Association
  - (c) the Grand Lodge Pension Fund
  - (d) a benevolent fund
30. The Grand Lodge has \_\_\_\_\_ permanent committees.
  - (a) 27
  - (b) 21
  - (c) 14
  - (d) 25
31. The Youth Council shall promote youth character building organizations whose ideals and teachings accord with the principles of Freemasonry, such as
  - (a) DeMolay
  - (b) Rainbow
  - (c) Job's Daughters
  - (d) all the above
32. A quorum of the Grand Lodge for election of officers or general business consists of representatives of \_\_\_\_\_ regular Lodges.
  - (a) 50 percent
  - (b) 100
  - (c) 10 percent
  - (d) 25

33. The Constitutional Powers of the Grand Lodge include all the following, except:
- (a) governing the Craft.
  - (b) changing the Ancient Landmarks.
  - (c) formation of Lodges.
  - (d) other historical powers.
34. The Georgia Masonic Home Endowment Fund is a legal trust only for the use and benefit of the Masonic Home of Georgia, whose corpus (principal) is kept intact with only the income being expended and was established with a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- (a) 50-year
  - (b) 100-year
  - (c) perpetual
  - (d) 99-year
35. How many Trustees are required to sign for the Board of Trustees in transferring or surrendering for payment any securities held for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund?
- (a) 1 (the Chairman)
  - (b) 2
  - (c) 6
  - (d) 12
36. Funds upon which the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home may draw the principal include all except the following:
- (a) Christmas, Entertainment and Comfort Fund.
  - (b) Maintenance Fund.
  - (c) Operation Fund.
  - (d) Endowment Fund.
37. The highest legitimate source of Masonic authority within the State of Georgia is:
- (a) The Grand Master of Masons of Georgia.
  - (b) The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia.
  - (c) The Supreme Council of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
  - (d) The Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M.
38. A full description of any cornerstone, including a sketch or drawing of it, should be submitted to the Grand Lodge office a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ days before the scheduled laying thereof.
- (a) 10 days
  - (b) 25 days
  - (c) 45 days
  - (d) 60 days
39. The Masonic Home is governed by a twelve member Board of Trustees, one from each of the Masonic District, each of whom serve a term of
- (a) one year
  - (b) three years
  - (c) five years
  - (d) nine years
40. Cases of needy, aged Masons and their widows shall be referred to the Board of Relief by
- (a) any Master Mason.
  - (b) any Past Master
  - (c) a subordinate Lodge.
  - (d) A Grand Lodge Officer.
41. The only exception to the prohibition of use of principal of the Masonic Home Endowment Fund is for:
- (a) expenses for maintaining, managing and promoting the Fund.
  - (b) legal expenses regarding money or property bequeathed to the Fund.
  - (c) emergency situations of the Masonic Home.
  - (d) general expenses of the Masonic Home.
42. Each District Deputy to the Grand Master should visit each Lodge in his Sub-district not less than:
- (a) twice a year.
  - (b) four times a year.
  - (c) once a year.
  - (d) three times a year.

43. The regular fee (not including the Benevolent Fund Fee) to the Grand Lodge for each initiation by a subordinate Lodge is
- (a) \$1.00
  - (b) \$2.50
  - (c) \$10.00
  - (d) \$3.50
44. The purpose of the Educational and Historical Commission is to stimulate Masonic education in its
- (a) philosophy.
  - (b) symbols.
  - (c) history.
  - (d) all the above.
45. Freemasonry in Georgia has existed continuously since
- (a) May 3, 1717
  - (b) February 21, 1734.
  - (c) September 18, 1760.
  - (d) October 23, 1813.
46. The regular (annual) Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia is held on the \_\_\_\_\_ in October of each year.
- (a) fourth Tuesday
  - (b) third Monday
  - (c) fourth Monday
  - (d) Fifth Wednesday
47. The Grand Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Committee shall purchase the Past Grand Master's Jewel.
- (a) Grand Master's Address
  - (b) Educational and Historical
  - (c) Finance
  - (d) Awards
48. Total Grand Lodge per capita fees to be collected and paid to the Grand Lodge for each Master Mason who is a member of a Lodge on June 30th of each year is
- (a) \$20.50
  - (b) \$15.00
  - (c) \$18.50
  - (d) \$16.50
49. The Grand Lodge of Georgia has existed as an actual and legal body since December \_\_\_\_\_ 16, \_\_\_\_\_, and was incorporated with perpetual duration on February 6, \_\_\_\_\_ by an Act of the General Assembly of Georgia.
- (a) 1717 and 1735
  - (b) 1796 and 1813
  - (c) 1786 and 1796
  - (d) 1760 and 1786
50. On the occurrence of a vacancy of a Grand Lodge Office, a new Officer must be appointed and installed within;
- (a) one week
  - (b) ten days
  - (c) two weeks
  - (d) thirty days

#### **TRUE / FALSE Questions**

51. Even if a candidate is elected and fails to take the first degree, or is rejected and thereafter permanently removes his domicile from the Lodge's jurisdiction, the Lodge still retains jurisdiction over him permanently.
52. A Lodge may vote to suspend a member for non-payment of dues and make the suspension effective at a specific future time.
53. A visitor may not be examined privately by a competent Master Mason and vouched for by him, but must have the examination conducted by a committee of three Master Masons appointed for that purpose.
54. Under proper circumstances, a Lodge may obtain a dispensation from the Grand Master to read a petition for the degrees and elect a candidate to receive the degrees at the same communication.

55. The Worshipful Master has the right to vote on all matters, including elections, but always has only one vote.
56. A Past Master demitting from another Grand Jurisdiction to a Georgia Lodge may be granted all the rights, privileges and rank of a Georgia Past Master by majority vote of the Georgia Lodge with which he affiliates.
57. Title to all real and personal property of a subordinate Lodge is vest in the Grand Lodge.
58. The subordinate Lodge may not act as escort to a funeral conducted by Knight Templars or by any other Masonic society.
59. If only the Worshipful Master is absent, the junior Past Master present is responsible to open and preside over a subordinate Lodge.
60. The matter of suitable proficiency in the Master Mason's Degree, required before the granting of a diploma, may be decided only by secret ballot.
61. An application for affiliation, although rejected, may be renewed only every three months unless stopped by objections or charges.
62. If the report of the investigation committee is unfavorable, the Worshipful Master may waive the ballot and declare the petition rejected.
63. The arrest of a charter of a constituent Lodge acts to suspend all members of such Lodge, unless the suspending act specifically states otherwise.
64. A joint ballot may be had on petitions for two or more candidates for initiation, or for advancement of two or more candidates, or for two or more affiliations, or for two or more demits, or for two or more restorations, but not for a mixture of petitions of applications in difference classes (i.e. - advancement and demit).
65. The Worshipful Master may remove any appointed officer of a Lodge at his pleasure.
66. It takes a majority vote by show of hands of the members present to grant a demit.
67. All Lodges located within this State will enjoy concurrent jurisdiction of candidates with all other Lodges in this State.
68. Every Master Mason who is a member of the Lodge, and not under suspension, is entitled to vote at an election of officers.
69. No dispensation may be granted to ballot on any petition or application for anything at any time other than a regular Communication.
70. A demitted Mason is subject and amenable to Masonic law in all respects, even though he be from a foreign jurisdiction, if he resides in the State of Georgia.
71. If a petitioner for the degrees is rejected by one Lodge, he may repetition another Lodge within the same jurisdiction after a lapse of twelve months.
72. The Grand Lodge of Georgia permits Plural Membership in an unlimited number of Lodges both within this State and with Lodges in other Jurisdictions.
73. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens can remit the whole of the per capita tax due by a subordinate Lodge.
74. A man who can read, but cannot write, except to sign his name, is eligible for admission to receive the degrees.
75. Any Master Mason may be elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge, although never having been a Lodge officer.

**MULTIPLE CHOICE Questions - Best Answer**

76. How long can a demitted Mason remain non-affiliated and still make Masonic visitations with Lodges?  
(a) Six months.  
(b) Twelve months (1 year).  
(c) Twenty-four months (2 years).  
(d) Indefinitely (as long as he wishes).
77. A by-law of a subordinate Lodge becomes effective upon  
(a) its adoption by the Lodge and submission to the Grand Lodge  
(b) approval by the Grand Lodge By-Laws Committee.  
(c) approval by the Grand Master.  
(d) approval by the Grand Lodge.
78. The charge a Lodge must pay if the Secretary fails to file the June monthly report before July 20<sup>th</sup> is  
(a) \$10.00 per month, or portion thereof, until filed.  
(b) 5% of the per capita tax due per month until filed.  
(c) \$25.00.  
(d) \$3.00 per day until filed.
79. An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason must petition \_\_\_\_\_ for advance for the succeeding degree.  
(a) in writing  
(b) orally  
(c) Both orally and in writing  
(d) he doesn't have to petition, a request for advancement is presumed by his demonstration of proficiency.
80. Any Lodge may change the area of its jurisdiction over candidates by  
(a) a resolution passed at a regular Communication.  
(b) an amendment to its By-Laws  
(c) a written agreement with all other Lodges affected.  
(d) none of the above - it can't change its jurisdiction.
81. The following is not sufficient evidence to prove a man to be a Mason  
(a) Documentary evidence.  
(b) Hearsay evidence.  
(c) The vouching by a brother because he sat with the man in a body of another branch of Masonry (Royal Arch, Scottish Rite, etc.)  
(d) all the above.
82. An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason may demit only if  
(a) he permanently moves from the jurisdiction of this Lodge.  
(b) he is invited by another Lodge.  
(c) he moves into the adjoining county from his Lodge.  
(d) he desires to go to another Lodge.
83. The following Lodge officer may be elected by the Lodge only if a By-Law specifically provides:  
(a) Chaplain  
(b) Secretary  
(c) Tyler  
(d) all the above.
84. The proficiency in the Catechism in the Master Mason Degree must be taken in \_\_\_\_\_ days from the degree; provided, the Worshipful Master may extend said time by \_\_\_\_\_ days \_\_\_\_\_ for cause.  
(a) 90 days, 45 days, twice  
(b) 45 days, 45 days, once  
(c) 45 days, 90 days, twice  
(d) 30 days, 30 days, thrice
85. Frivolity, roughness, or brutality in conferring degrees will subject  
(a) the Lodge to sever reprimand upon the first offense.  
(b) the offending member to suspension.  
(c) the Lodge to forfeiture of charter upon the second offense.  
(d) both (a) and (c).

86. Objections to initiation (after election) made and recorded upon the minutes will hold for \_\_\_\_, while objections to advancement made to the Worshipful Master becomes inoperative after the expiration of \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) two years, the Master's term of office.
  - (b) nine months, six months
  - (c) twelve months, three months.
  - (d) six months, six months.
87. The following have the responsibility to notify the Grand Master if the Lodge receives notice from any governmental agency on legal or tax matters:
- (a) The Worshipful Master.
  - (b) The Junior Warden.
  - (c) The Secretary.
  - (d) The Worshipful Master and the Secretary, jointly.
88. No warrant shall be granted by the Grand Lodge for the formation of a subordinate Lodge unless upon the petition of at least \_\_\_\_\_ Master Masons in good standing of this jurisdiction.
- (a) ten
  - (b) thirty
  - (c) fifty
  - (d) None of the above.
89. If an absent member is elected Worshipful Master and, after an unauthorized statement that he cannot accept the office, the Lodge elects another as Worshipful Master, who is entitled to be installed?
- (a) The first member elected.
  - (b) The second member elected.
  - (c) The Lodge must conduct a new election.
  - (d) The question must be submitted to the Grand Master, with details for a ruling.
90. The following may not demit from a Lodge
- (a) The Worshipful Master
  - (b) The Wardens
  - (c) A member under charges.
  - (d) All the above.
91. It is the Worshipful Master's specific responsibility to display a box or receptacle for voluntary contributions to the Masonic Home Education and Endowment Fund at
- (a) one Communication each quarter.
  - (b) funerals only.
  - (c) one Communication each month.
  - (d) every Communication except (b).
92. All questions before a subordinate Lodge, except where the law makes a different requirement, may be decided by a
- (a) plurality vote.
  - (b) majority vote.
  - (c) two-thirds vote.
  - (d) none of the above.
93. No degree may be conferred on more than \_\_\_\_\_ candidates, including courtesy candidates, at one communication, and on no more than \_\_\_\_\_ candidates without a dispensation.
- (a) 7 and 5
  - (b) 10 and 7
  - (c) 25 and no dispensation ever required.
  - (d) There is no limit to the number, only the requirement of dispensation for more than 7 candidates.
94. All appeals for aid by individuals must be made only
- (a) to the subordinate Lodge of which the applicant (or her husband or father) was a member
  - (b) to the Grand Master directly
  - (c) to the Grand Lodge Board of Relief directly
  - (d) to any Masonic Lodge or member thereof

95. A Mason may not be suspended for non-payment of dues until he is actually at least \_\_\_\_\_ in arrears for dues
- (a) 6 months
  - (b) one or more years
  - (c) 18 months
  - (d) two years
96. A proper item for the granting of a dispensation is
- (a) conferral of more than one degree on a candidate at the same Communication.
  - (b) receiving and balloting on a petition for restoration at the same Communication
  - (c) conferring a degree on more than 7 candidates at the same Communication
  - (d) balloting at other than a regular Communication.
97. Any ruling by a Worshipful Master may be overturned by
- (a) majority vote of the members present at any Communication
  - (b) two-thirds vote of the members present at any Communication
  - (c) majority vote of all members of the Lodge
  - (d) None of the above
98. Each petitioner for initiation must be vouched for by two Master Masons, known to the petitioner for not less than twelve months, \_\_\_\_\_ of whom must be a member of the Lodge being petitioned.
- (a) each
  - (b) one
  - (c) neither has to be
  - (d) This is not a true statement
99. The following, among others, are entitled to a Masonic burial:
- (a) Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons in good standing
  - (b) Suspended and expelled Masons
  - (c) Demented Masons who have been suspended for non-payment of dues.
  - (d) Non-affiliated Masons who demitted more than 6 months before death
100. The minimum fee that a Lodge can charge for the degrees is
- (a) \$25.00
  - (b) \$30.00
  - (c) \$50.00
  - (d) There is no minimum

**QUESTIONS ON CHAPTERS 61 THROUGH 86 OF THE MASONIC CODE OF GEORGIA**  
**(District Conventions, Lodges of Research, Miscellaneous and Penal Code)**  
**PART THREE**

**TRUE / FALSE Questions**

101. If a member is guilty of intoxication for the first time, he may avoid trial and punishment by apologizing to the brethren in open Lodge.
102. If the accused admits his guilt prior to written charges being prepared and accepted, the written charges are no longer required.
103. Only brothers who are law enforcement officers may carry a deadly weapon in the Lodge room.
104. Technicalities of accusations are not enforced with the degree of strictness in the Masonic charge as that which prevails in the civil courts; however, the charges and specifications must be sufficiently clear to identify with particularity who is accused, against whom the offense was allegedly committed, what the offense is, what conduct constituted the offense and the time and place where the offense is alleged to have been committed.
105. Any member may appeal to the Grand Lodge, alleging error in the dismissal or withdrawal of charges, or the verdict thereon.
106. If a Mason is convicted or acquitted in the civil courts for an act that is also a Masonic offense, there is no longer a necessity of a formal Masonic trial.
107. Only if the residence of the accused is unknown or if the accused absconds and his whereabouts is unknown, the Lodge does not have to serve him with a copy of the charges and specifications either by registered (or certified) mail or in person.

108. Any chartered Lodge has penal jurisdiction over all its members, whether Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason, regardless of their residence or the place where an offense is committed.
109. No Lodge or Mason shall participate in the creation, formation or modification of any organization, corporation or association using the name "Mason", "Masonic", "Freemason" or other connotation thereof without first applying to and obtaining prior approval of the Grand Lodge.
110. The laws of evidence, universally recognized, unless modified by the **Code**, shall govern all trials, but without the necessity of technicalities.
111. Each Masonic District has only 12 Trial Commissioners, excluding the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
112. The Trial Commissions have exclusive jurisdiction to try Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons, except only the Worshipful Master, for un-Masonic conduct and violations of the Masonic law.
113. Failure of any Mason (a member of the issuing Lodge, another Lodge or a non-affiliated Mason) to obey a Summons to attend the trial of a member, subjects such member himself to charges of un-Masonic conduct, unless he is excused by the Worshipful Master or lives more than 30 miles away.
114. Membership in the respective District Conventions is compulsory upon the subordinate Lodges in said District.
115. A Summons may only be issued upon order of the Worshipful Master and must be signed by him and the Lodge Secretary.
116. It is unlawful for any person except a Master Mason to wear a Masonic badge, pin or emblem.
117. Under no circumstances can the accused be represented by an attorney or counsel who is not a Mason, for only Masons can be present during a Masonic trial.
118. The term of the Trial Commissioners is three years each, and upon the expiration of the term, the District Convention elects a successor.
119. Immediately after a Lodge accepts charges, they must be served upon the accused.
120. A chartered Lodge has penal jurisdiction over non-affiliated Masons within its jurisdiction and offenses committed within its jurisdiction by any other Mason who is more than 25 miles from the meeting place of his Lodge.
121. Masonry is non-sectarian by recognizing no particular religion, and non-political by avoidance of political subjects in the Lodge room.
122. It is a Masonic offense for a Mason in the performance of his official duty as a judge, attorney, juror, law enforcement officer, etc. to issue an execution against a brother Mason.
123. If any Trial Commissioner is unable to serve on a trial, the Grand Master can designate another Master Mason within the District to serve temporarily as a Trial Commissioner.
124. No specification shall set out more than one offense, but several specifications may be separately made under one charge; and two or more charges, stated separately, may be joined in one complaint.
125. Upon trial, an accused brother may be found guilty of either the offense charged or any other offense proved.

#### **MULTIPLE CHOICE Questions - Best Answer**

126. Which of the following is not part of the procedure for an expelled Mason to obtain restoration of his membership:
  - (a) Obtain a unanimous secret ballot recommendation for restoration by his constituent Lodge to the Grand Lodge
  - (b) apply to his constituent Lodge for restoration
  - (c) Petition Grand Lodge for restoration
  - (d) Obtain favorable vote of the Grand Lodge on the action of constituent lodge recommending Restoration.

127. Upon suspension for a definite period of time, the member, after the time has expired, must do the following to be restored to membership:
- Petition his lodge and obtain a favorable majority vote
  - Petition and appear before Grand Lodge and obtain a favorable vote
  - Obtain a written forgiveness from the offended brother who originally accused him.
  - Nothing; he is automatically reinstated at the end of the time.
128. A "charge" is defined as
- an elaboration of the offense, giving a statement of the time when, place where and circumstances under which the offense allegedly occurred.
  - a word or sentence giving the general nature of any violation of the Masonic or moral law.
  - a quotation of the Masonic Code section alleged to have been violated.
  - the verbatim accusation.
129. The following person(s) may not testify at a Masonic trial:
- persons whose religious beliefs do not cause them to feel the obligations of an oath.
  - the wife of the accused.
  - a profane.
  - both (a) and (c) above.
130. The Chairman of the Trial Commission can decide punishment and pass sentence.
- in any case in which he wishes.
  - if the Trial Commission can't unanimously agree on punishment.
  - if the accused pleads guilty before trial.
  - in all cases.
131. The charges must be in writing and signed.
- on behalf of the Lodge by the Junior Warden.
  - on behalf of the Lodge by a member directed to prepare the same.
  - by a brother who was not directed to prepare them, provided they are accepted by the Lodge.
  - by any of the above.
132. The following is the specifically prescribed sentence for unlawful use, giving, selling or furnishing any description of key, cipher or written work of a secret character:
- Reprimand.
  - Indefinite suspension.
  - Suspension for a definite period or expulsion.
  - Any of the above.
133. Charges may be preferred only at
- any Communication after two weeks advanced notice.
  - a regular or stated Communication.
  - a Communication called for that specific purpose.
  - any Communication.
134. The following persons should meet with the accused and the District Trial Commission Chairman to fix the date of the trial:
- the Junior Warden
  - The Worshipful Master, Secretary, prosecutor and accused.
  - the members of the District Trial Commission
  - the brother making the accusation
135. Personal service of the charges and specifications must be made on the accused at least \_\_\_\_\_ days prior to the pre-trial conference, or service by registered or certified mail must be made at least \_\_\_\_\_ days before such conference.
- 10 days, 15 days
  - 5 days, 15 days
  - 5 days, 20 days
  - 10 days, 20 days
136. Among other duties, the District Master shall:
- appoint Instructors in the Work
  - hold District officers meetings at least one (1) time each year other than at the District Convention.
  - appoint a Committee on Program and Education
  - all the above

137. The Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge who is charged with immoral or un-Masonic Conduct during his term of office, is entitled to trial
- (a) like any other Master Mason
  - (b) by a special Trial Commission of 12 Commissioners
  - (c) by his Lodge as a Committee of the Whole
  - (d) by a Lodge of Masters and Past Masters
138. A "specification" is defined as
- (a) an elaboration of the charge, giving a statement of the time when, place where, and circumstances under which the offense allegedly occurred.
  - (b) a word or sentence giving the general nature of any violation of the Masonic or moral law
  - (c) a quotation of the Masonic Code section alleged to have been violated
  - (d) the verbatim accusation
139. The number of Trial Commissioners that constitute a Trial Commission for the purpose of hearing a particular case is:
- (a) 16
  - (b) 12
  - (c) 9
  - (d) 6
140. \_\_\_\_\_ may be ordered by the Lodge having jurisdiction over the alleged offender to prepare a suitable charge with appropriate specifications against the accused, and present them to the Lodge.
- (a) The Master Mason making the complaint.
  - (b) Any Master Mason who is a member of the Lodge
  - (c) The District Trial Commission Chairman
  - (d) None of the above
141. All appeals of Masonic trials and pre-trial proceedings are reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_, whose recommendation is presented to the Grand Lodge:
- (a) the District Trial Commission Chairman
  - (b) the Grand Master
  - (c) the Appeals and Grievances Committee
  - (d) the Deputy Grand Master.
142. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall maintain a docket that shows all pertinent information pertaining to each accused and trial.
- (a) District Trial Commission Chairman
  - (b) Chairman of the Grand Lodge Appeals and Grievances Committee
  - (c) Grand Secretary
  - (d) Grand Master
143. Which of the following is not a Masonic offense:
- (a) disputing the correctness of a debt to a brother Mason
  - (b) suing a brother without notice.
  - (c) refusing to submit business differences to the decision of the Lodge.
  - (d) all the above.
144. After the accused is served with charges and specification,
- (a) new charges and specifications may be added.
  - (b) the charges and specifications may be amended in form and substance
  - (c) both of the above.
  - (d) neither of the above.
145. A Lodge has authority to forgive a member, who appears before the Lodge, acknowledges his transgression, makes a manly apology, shows a previous good character, and promises never to offend again, when he is guilty of:
- (a) stealing funds (after he has repaid the theft)
  - (b) being intoxicated.
  - (c) using improper language.
  - (d) holding a liquor license

146. Masonic offenses include:
- (a) violations of the moral laws
  - (b) violations of the laws of Masonry.
  - (c) violations of the laws of the land involving moral turpitude.
  - (d) all the above.
147. The authority to charter local Lodges of Research is vested in
- (a) the Grand Orator
  - (b) the Grand Lodge Charter and By-Laws Committee
  - (c) the Educational and Historical Commission
  - (d) the local subordinate Lodge
148. Masonic punishment for any offense, except in cases of non-payment of dues, includes all the following except
- (a) expulsion from all rights and privileges of Masonry
  - (b) suspension for a definite period of time
  - (c) suspension for an indefinite period of time
  - (d) reprimand
149. Decisions of the Trial Commission as to guilt shall be only on
- (a) unanimous vote
  - (b) minimum vote of 5 for conviction
  - (c) majority vote for conviction
  - (d) not specified in the Code
150. After acceptance of charges, the Lodge Secretary must transmit \_\_\_\_\_ of the charges and specifications to the District Trial Chairman
- (a) the original copy
  - (b) one true copy
  - (c) two certified copies
  - (d) all copies

# CONGRATULATIONS

**You have finished.**

**The only thing left now is to place your name and address, together with the date of submission your Lodge name and number and the number of your Masonic district on your answer sheet. Mail the ANSWER sheet and a self addressed, stamped envelope and send it to your Director of Masonic Education. You may eMail your answers if you wish.**

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