



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Free & Accepted Masons in Georgia

Masonic Etiquette
Examination



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Before beginning the course...
Please read and do the following:

FIRST: This "Masonic Course" is formatted in "pdf" (portable document format). If you do not have the latest Adobe Acrobat Reader® you can download a free copy by clicking [HERE](#) > [Adobe Acrobat®](#)

SECOND: PRINT an answer sheet (page 4).

NEXT: You may either print the 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.
- ✓ 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 you can erase if you decide to change the answer.
- ✓ Do not ~~mark through~~ an answer you want to change, erase it completely and put your new answer in the box.
- ✓ Use plain, block capital letters. ("T", "F", "A", "B", "C" or "D")
- ✓ Do not use *curative* (script) letters. It is very easy for the grader to confuse these.
- ✓ Make certain that you write your answer next to the **correct** question number.
- ✓ For "TRUE ~ FALSE" questions, mark the answer "T" or "F".
- ✓ For "MULTIPLE CHOICE" questions, mark the "**BEST**" answer (either "A", "B", "C" or "D"), 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. [Click here for the name and address of your District Director of Masonic Education.](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER

**A SCORE OF 70% RIGHT IS NECESSARY TO
RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY**

**This Course is designed to test your *knowledge* of Georgia
Masonic Etiquette and to help you *learn*.**

~ THIS IS AN “OPEN BOOK” COURSE TEST ~

**The only reference material you will need is a copy of “Masonic Etiquette”
Revised 1995 Reprint 2005. However, before beginning the test we
recommend you read the “Masonic Etiquette” book.**

If you do not have a copy of “Masonic Etiquette” Revised 1995 Reprint 2005, you should purchase one from your MELD committee or order one from:

Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Georgia F.& A.M.
811 Mulberry Street
Macon, GA 31298

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. If you MAIL your answer sheet please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for the Director of Education to return your answer sheet to you.

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

Your MELD Director contact information can be found on the Grand Lodge web page
At: <http://www.glofga.org/meld.html>
If you experience trouble linking from this page, copy and past the url in your browser.

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Etiquette Answer Sheet
(print a copy of the answer sheet to mark your answers.)**

Print This Page to enter your answers.

GEORGIA MASONIC ETIQUETTE ANSWER SHEET
Grand Lodge of Georgia F.& A.M. Masonic Code Self Study Course

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MASONIC DISTRICT: _____



ANSWERS

(Write the letter of the answer in the blank corresponding to the question number).

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QUESTIONS 1-50 TRUE / FALSE

(Reference: “Masonic Etiquette” Revised 1995 Reprint 2005)

1. The very oldest of all our records, the Regius Manuscript, emphasizes the necessity of paying respect to the Craft.
2. Etiquette prohibits the impropriety that would mar the peace and harmony of those assembled for special pleasure and profit.
3. Under certain circumstances, it is permissible for private discussions to be carried out among the members on the sidelines during a Communication.
4. Our customs and traditions prohibit any Brother from passing between the Holy Altar and the Worshipful Master when the Lodge is open and at labor.
5. The Holy Altar may be covered with the national flag during the funeral of a Brother who is a veteran of the U. S. armed forces.
6. No clothing, glasses, personal effects or any other properties of a candidate or any Mason should be allowed to be placed on the Holy Altar for any reason whatsoever.
7. The Tyler has charge over the cleanliness and orderliness of the ante-room.
8. No person is to be admitted into a Masonic Lodge unless by permission of the Senior Deacon and the Senior Warden.
9. If a visitor’s credentials are in order and he has convinced the examining committee that he is a Mason, the Worshipful Master must grant him permission to enter.
10. It is a disturbance of the ritual for any Brother, except a Candidate for the degrees, to enter or retire from the Lodge through the inner door.
11. It is the Tyler’s duty to see that the inner door to the lodge room is secured except when the preparation room is in use.
12. It is permissible to wear the Masonic apron under a topcoat or raincoat to protect it from the elements.
13. Whenever a Grand Lodge Officer is present at any Masonic assembly (other than a Masonic funeral) where aprons are worn, he should wear the apron of his Grand Lodge office.
14. There are no fixed rules for the wearing of gloves except that they be white and clean.
15. The colors purple and gold are reserved for Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Lodge officers and these colors should never be worn on any apron, insignia or jewel of any other Mason.
16. It is un-Masonic conduct for any Brother to make known the character of his vote or to purposely seek out the character of another’s vote during a secret ballot.
17. In Georgia, the maximum penalty for this offense is expulsion from the Order.
18. The title of “Brother“ is optional and may be omitted under some circumstances, even in open Lodge.
19. The purpose of etiquette and decorum in a Masonic Lodge is to develop the spirit of Brotherly Love.
20. Failure to decline an appointment or resign from a committee appointment when unable or unwilling to serve is a breach of Masonic etiquette.
21. The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens have the authority under the direction of the Grand Master to walk in, take the gavel from the Master, and preside over the meeting, whether the Master wills it or not.
22. It is not proper etiquette for a Lodge to offer to contribute to the expenses of the Deputy Grand Master or a Grand Warden visiting their Lodge.
23. It is the right of any lodge officer to automatically and timely advance to the next higher station.
24. The national flag should be on a standard placed in the East, to the Master’s left.
25. In 1967, a Grand Lodge Resolution urged each lodge to display the Georgia State flag in the East.

26. If a Lodge banner is used, it should never be displayed in the East on the Master's dais; but to the Master's left, opposite the national flag.
27. At the death of a Brother, the Worshipful Master may order the Lodge to be in mourning for a period of ten (10) days.
28. ALL participants at a Masonic funeral, with the exception of those conducting the funeral ceremony, should wear WHITE aprons and WHITE gloves.
29. It is a serious breach of Masonic etiquette to use Freemasonry for business purposes.
30. Grand Honors are reserved for the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters, only.
31. According to the Masonic Code of Georgia, jewels for subordinate Lodges and their officers and Past Masters shall be of "silver or white metal".
32. Gold is reserved for Grand Lodge jewels and should NEVER be used by subordinate Lodges or Past Masters.
33. When addressing mail to a Brother Mason, it is proper to put his Masonic title on the address of the envelope.
34. The Master's hat is an emblem of his authority
35. It is a serious breach of Masonic etiquette for any other person except the presiding officer to wear his hat during a Masonic gathering.
36. Good taste and dignity dictate the kind of hat a Master should wear.
37. Freemasonry avoids involvement in political subjects and religious sectarianism and no political or religious distinction should ever limit its charity.
38. Freemasonry is a fraternity, not a religion.
39. The Volume of Sacred Law (VSL) , found on the altar of Freemasonry is always the Holy Bible.
40. A direct or indirect reference to one's religious preference during a prayer, even though inadvertent, is a breach of good manners and the spirit of Freemasonry.
41. A Past Grand Master is entitled to be formally welcomed into a Lodge with Grand Honors.
42. The Inner Door from the Preparation room to the Lodge room should never be opened except for the purpose of admitting or returning candidates.
43. All other doors leading to or from the preparation room should be locked during preparation of candidates and when degree work is in progress.
44. It is permissible for the Tyler to "visit" with the candidate in the preparation room until the Sr. Deacon and/or Stewards arrive there.
45. The Senior Deacon is responsible both for the physical condition of and the decorum in the Preparation Room.
46. The custom of giving presents to one or more candidates at the end of some degree is a breach of good manners unless they are given by the LODGE to ALL of the candidates.
47. In the ritual work, there is no place for frivolousness, roughness or mirth.
48. It is acceptable and proper to reward a well-performed degree or lecture with applause.
49. Under no circumstances, except for physical disability, should any Brother remain seated while giving a due guard or sign.
50. All speeches of a controversial, sectarian, or political nature are unlawful in a Masonic Lodge and a speaker who disregards this admonition is guilty of a serious breach of Masonic etiquette.



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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