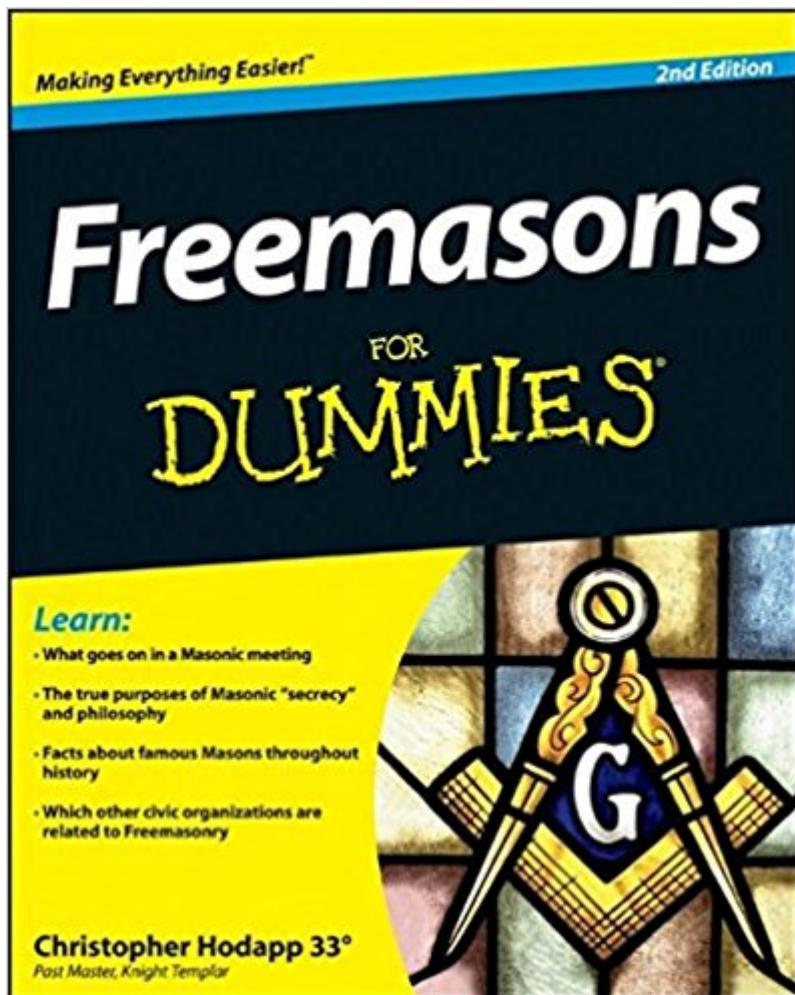


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# Freemasons For Dummies



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Christopher Hodapp has been an active Freemason and board member in his home state of Indiana for many years and holds memberships in several national Masonic organizations. He has written numerous articles and has contributed to several documentaries about Masonry. He is editor of the Journal of the Masonic Society and has authored and co-authored several books on the topic including The Templar Code For Dummies and Conspiracy Theories & Secret Societies For Dummies.

Mason for 45 years and I still learned from it.

Very informative. I was impressed by the pictures of the Masonic symbols and their explanation of them. It covers quite a lot about Freemasonry and its other houses. It can really help someone that is new to Masonry with giving them an understanding of the customs and ceremonies.

Great reference for those new to the freemasonry of it all...Past Master Hodapp book is great at explaining and taking some of the mystery out of what goes on in the lodge. And for the ladies, especially those of us who are in OES this is a great help in understand what the Brothers do. It is a must read.

As the Worshipful Master of my lodge last year, I bought one of these for each of my new joins and every one of my new members says it was the best gift ever. I've been a Mason since 2005 and I will admit that I learned more about our fraternity from reading this book than anyone has ever taught me in the past 10 years. Excellent and entertaining read!

I have been speed reading through this book that was recommended to me by a fellow Mason and Nobel, and have to say; it is filled with some accurate general knowledge. It also has some esoteric items that you may not pickup by reading the supplied literature. I would recommend to anyone that has an interest in Masonry.

I had heard of this book, and even bought it a couple of times for a gift. I finally got it for myself, and I'm sorry I didn't do it sooner. It's a very informative and entertaining book. As a Mason myself, I liked the way the information was put forward to counter the wild claims and tales that are frequently found in other books, and especially in the electronic media.

A great read. Though I wish I had gotten the paper edition instead of the Kindle one. There is a need to go back and reference earlier figures, etc. as you read the book and it is difficult with the Kindle one.

Comprehensive overview of all the different masonry organizations - what they have in common and how they differ. Provides a solid foundation of knowledge for entry-level masons and a thorough explanation for people who are not masons. The reading is much easier than typical masonic literature. I absorbed a lot of information in a short period of time.

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