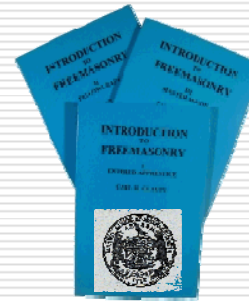


# Instructor Notes for Fellowcraft Class



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## Structure of a 40-Minute FC Class

- ❑ Instructor introduces himself and encourages students to do so (1-2 min.)
- ❑ Claudy's introduction on the Fellowcraft Degree (3-4 min.)
- ❑ Brief recap what happened in the degree and the lectures; Claudy's EA comparison (6 min.)
- ❑ Together, review the outline of FC topics in the Claudy book (2 min.)
  - Review for those who read it;  
Overview for those who did not yet.
- ❑ 1st Discussion Question (10-12 min.)
- ❑ 2nd Discussion Question (10-12 min.)
- ❑ 3rd Discussion Question (if time allows)
- ❑ Closing points [even if 3rd DQ not complete] (2 min.)

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## Remember: Focus on Discussion

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- ❑ When posing a Discussion Question, please give them time to think about it
  - Silence is a Working Tool for the Instructor!
  - Let the Candidates together explore the question
  - You are there to GUIDE and FACILITATE, not to jump in with an (“only this is correct”) answer
  - If you listen carefully, you can learn from the Candidates while they learn from you

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## Please Keep in Mind our Objectives

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- ❑ Instill in our New Brothers a feeling for the richness of the Masonic Lodge and the value of Masonic education
- ❑ Familiarize them with the topics covered in the Claudy book for the degree they just received
- ❑ Encourage them to read each Claudy book
- ❑ Provide an opportunity for them to discuss what they experienced in the degree

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## Fellowcraft, to be read aloud

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### FELLOWCRAFT

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As the Entered Apprentice Degree as a whole is symbolic of infancy and youth, a period of learning fundamentals, a beginning, so the Fellowcraft Degree is emblematic of manhood.

But it is a manhood of continued schooling; of renewed research; of further instruction. The Fellowcraft has passed his early Masonic youth, but he lacks the wisdom of age which he can attain only by use of the teachings of his first degree, broadened, strengthened, added to, by those experiences which come to men as distinguished from children.

Of the many symbols of this degree three stand out beyond all others as most beautiful and most important. They are the brazen Pillars; the Flight of Winding Stairs as a means of reaching the Middle Chamber by the teachings of the three, the five, and the seven steps; and the Letter "G" and all that it means to the Freemason.

Very obviously the Fellowcraft Degree is a call to learning, an urge to study, a glorification of education.

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## What Happened in the Degree?

- ☐ Suitable Proficiency
- ☐ Knocking on the door and being admitted
- ☐ Another journey in darkness, examination
- ☐ Second step, Obligation
- ☐ Discovering more
- ☐ Again continuing the journey in Light
- ☐ Working Tools
- ☐ Journey to the Middle Chamber
- ☐ Wages of a Fellowcraft
- ☐ Charge from the Master

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## FC advances from EA, to be read aloud

Certain differences between this and the preceding degree are at once apparent. The Entered Apprentice about to be passed is no longer a candidate - he is a brother. In the first degree the candidate is received with a warning; in the second, the brother to be passed is received with an instruction. In the first degree the cable tow was for a physical purpose; here it is an aid, an urge to action, a girding up, a strengthening for the Masonic life to come.

The circumambulation of the Fellowcraft is longer than that of the Apprentice: journey through manhood is longer than through youth. The obligation in the Entered Apprentice Degree stresses almost entirely the necessity for secrecy; in the Fellowcraft Degree secrecy is indeed enjoined upon the brother who kneels at the altar, but he also assumes duties toward his fellows and takes upon himself sacred obligations not intrusted to an Entered Apprentice.

He learns of the pass, and he is poor in spirit indeed who is not thrilled to observe the slowly opening door which eventually will let in the whole effulgent Light of the East, typified by the position of the Square and Compasses upon the Volume of the Sacred Law.

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## Claudy's topic for the FC

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Working Tools       | <input type="checkbox"/> The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Not!          | <input type="checkbox"/> The Stairs Wind                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corn, Wine, and Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter "G"                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Two Pillars     | <input type="checkbox"/> "God is Always Geometrizing"        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Globes          | <input type="checkbox"/> Early History                       |
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## FC Discussion Question 1

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- ☐ As Fellowcraft, what obligations do you now have to your fellow Masons?

What obligations to they have to you?

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## FC Discussion Question 2

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- ☐ What part of the Fellowcraft ceremony and the Middle Chamber Lecture did you find to be most meaningful? Why?

What do you most remember from the degree?

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## FC Discussion Question 3

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- In your first lesson as a Fellowcraft, the Master presented you with Working Tools – a Plumb, a Square, and a Level

And, he told you that the ancient Wages of a Fellowcraft were Corn, Wine, and Oil

What are today's Wages for living an upright and moral life?

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## Closing the FC Class

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- Tell the FC Brothers about the on-line resources available to them for further learning (**HANDOUT**)
  - Special web address: **MassMasons.org/FC/**
  - Enter with:  
your name, Lodge, and "plumb" (working tool)
- Close with the following quote from pages 67 to 68

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## Middle of Three, to be read aloud

The Fellowcraft Degree is:

A degree to muse upon and to study; one to see many, many times and still not come to the end of the great teachings here exemplified.

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Alas, too many brethren regard it as but a necessary stepping-stone between the solemnities of the Entered Apprentice's Degree and the glories of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Stepping-stone it is, indeed, but he uses it with difficulty and is assisted by it but little who cannot see behind its Pillars a rule of conduct for life;

who cannot visualize climbing the Winding Stairs as the pilgrimage we all must make;

to whom the Middle Chamber is only a chamber in the middle

and for whom the Letter "G" is but a letter

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