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Master Craftsman Program Manager

That's right: Master Craftsman is now ONLINE! Since its inception in 2009, the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman education program has been a leading source for Masonic education, not only here in the Southern Jurisdiction, but also across the globe. There are currently three components under the Master Craftsman banner along with a Valley Education Tool. For the last decade, the programs have operated exclusively as a correspondence course, requiring participants to mail in quizzes for grading. They are returned with the next quiz. Over the years, surveys indicated that our members strongly supported an online option for the Master Craftsman Program. Well, we heard you! On May 13, 2020, the Supreme Council rolled out the "Master Craftsman: Ritual & History Program" in an online format. This uses for its text Ill. Arturo de Hoyos's *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide*.

The online version of the Master Craftsman: Ritual & History program is identical to the correspondence course with a few exceptions:

1. **IT'S DIGITAL!** All the questions are answered on the computer and immediately sent to the Master Craftsman Program Manager, Bro. Stuart Pool, 32°.
2. Upon completing a quiz, a link for the next quiz will be displayed on the completion screen. If you need to step away, don't worry! We'll send you an email with the link.
3. Upon completing each quiz, you will see what percentage you got right on the quiz, and you also will receive an email with a PDF displaying your answers, so you can determine what you missed and can return to your book to find the correct answer.

If you're worried about missing the notes you receive from the Supreme Council staff on your quizzes ... don't be. Every quiz still will be forwarded electronically to our reviewers, who will make comments and reply to your quiz before the essay is sent back to you.

Are you currently enrolled in the Master Craftsman Ritual & History correspondence course? Do you want to switch to the online version? No problem! Email Bro. Stuart Pool at mastercraftsman@scottishrite.org and ask about switching. We'll generate a registration number for you to enter on the provided link, so you don't need to start from scratch.

Every online quiz will require the confirmation number you received from the Scottish Rite Store when you purchased the program. If you lost the email or cannot find the number, just send an email to , and we'll help. Please do not share your confirmation number with anyone, since it works for only one participant. Multiple entries of the same number will invalidate it and will likely stop your progress. Each quiz is generated for a single confirmation number, so sharing links and confirmation numbers with your brethren does not work.

We are excited about expanding our program and believe this will be a great way of moving our Masonic Education forward to more members. We hope you enjoy participating in the program as much as we enjoyed making it for you! Get started by going to www.scottishritestore.org and clicking on the "Masonic Education" tab.

