



THE GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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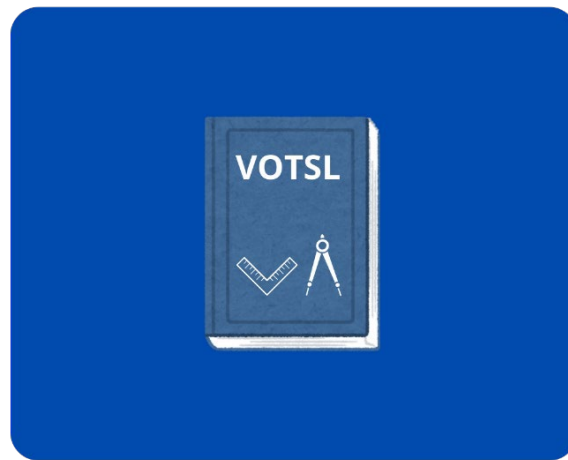
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Guidelines for using Holy Books in the Lodge

The Work under which the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan operates references only passages from the Volume of the Sacred Law as represented by the Judeo-Christian Holy Bible. In a multicultural, multifaith, and pluralistic society, it is not unexpected that candidates and Brethren may request the presence of a holy book particular to their faith upon the altar. In such cases, these guidelines are to be used:

1. The Volume of the Sacred Law, Square, and Compasses (VOTSL, S & Cs) as currently used currently shall remain upon the altar in all lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. They shall be placed in the center of the altar.



2. The Square and Compasses may not be placed on any other holy book other than the VOTSL.
3. If a Brother requests a holy book specific to his faith (1), it may be added to the altar in the upper left quadrant.



4. Additional holy books may be added in a clockwise fashion after that in the following order: (a) upper right quadrant, (b) lower left quadrant, and (c) lower right quadrant.



5. If there are known passages that are appropriate to each degree, they should be marked clearly beforehand so that whoever attends the Great Lights may adjust the other holy books easily and respectfully.
6. The VOTSL should be placed neither upon nor under any other holy book. Similarly, no other holy book should be placed under or on top of any other holy book.
7. During degree work and taking Obligations, the Obligation should be taken with the Candidate's hands upon the VOTSL, S & Cs as indicated in The Work.
8. In attending the Great Lights, the VOTSL, S & Cs should be attended to and opened first. The other holy book(s) should then be opened in the order in which they are to be

placed upon the altar as indicated above. In closing, the order is reversed so that the VOTSL is closed last.

9. If a Brother requests to handle the holy book of his faith as it is placed upon the altar, he may be invited to do so by the WM when directing someone to attend to the Great Lights. He shall attend that holy book(s) after the VOTSL, S & Cs have been attended to. They may both approach the altar at the same time, stand one step back from the altar, then use the following order:
 - a. Brother attending the Great Lights steps forward: attends VOTSL, S & Cs, salutes as appropriate, and takes one step back.
 - b. Brother attending other holy book steps forward, adjusts the holy book appropriately, salutes as appropriate, and take one step back.
 - c. If opening the Lodge or in Regular Form (i.e., EA Lodge, FC Lodge, or MM Lodge), each Brother returns to his seat.
 - d. If closing the Lodge in the Third or Second degree in Regular Form, each Brother returns to his seat after all holy books have been adjusted.
 - e. If Closing the Lodge, each Brother remains at the altar until the WM concludes the Closing.

Suggested Verses in the Qu'ran to use in Lodge

Entered Apprentice Degree:

“And hold fast by the Rope (Covenant) which G-d stretches forth for you, all together, and be not disunited. And remember G-d’s favor to you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts so by His favor you became Brethren. And you were on the brink of a pit of fire, then He saved you from it. Thus G-d makes clear to you His messages that you may be guided.”

Suratu-l-Imran (The Family of Imran) 3: 103

FellowCraft Degree

“G-d! There is no god but He, the Ever-living, the Self-subsisting, by Whom all subsist. Slumber overtakes Him not, nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him, but by His permission? He knows what is before them and what is behind them. And they encompass nothing of His knowledge except what He pleases. His knowledge extends over the heavens and the earth, and the preservation of them both tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Great.”

Suratu-l-Baqarah (The Cow) 2: 255

Master Mason Degree

“Surely the Grip of thy Lord is strong. Surely He it is Who creates first (most initially) and then reproduces; And He is the Forgiving, the Loving. Lord of the Throne of Power, the Glorious, Doer of what He intends.”

Suratu-l-Buruj (The Stars, or The Zodiac) 85: 12 – 16

Source: **The Qur'an in the Craft Degrees | Freemason Information**

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