

Getting Published in the Miscellanea



A Short Guide for Allied Masonic Degrees Researchers and Authors

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What subjects are commonly selected?

Papers published in the Miscellanea cover a variety of topics and are wide ranging. Most frequently, the research presented falls into one of three categories relating to Freemasonry - history, ritual, and symbolism, though there is often cross over between the three.

- Historical papers look to analyze and focus on the people, places, dates, and interactions of Freemasons of the past.
- Ritualistic research usually compares and contrasts different workings of the ritual, or looks to gain a better understanding of the ideas contained in the degrees.
- Papers focused on symbolism offer different interpretations of the meaning of symbols and allegories and how they might be viewed.

While these areas represent the major points for most studies, do not be held back; write a paper on whatever interests you.

What does a publishable paper look like?

Publishable papers must be narrative and in electronic format (Word or PDF files preferred.) Papers must be original works and not published in any other medium, including on the internet. Citations are required; no paper should rely on electronic citations only. Prior to being published, the paper must be presented at a meeting of an Allied Masonic Degrees Council or regional Ingathering. Powerpoint presentations / slide decks do not constitute a paper. ***Please refer to the “Quarry Project” for a style guide while writing papers.***

Link: <https://amdusa.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Quarry-Project-Style-Guide-1st-ed-Final.pdf>

How and when do I submit a paper?

If your council has a particularly well written and original paper, please ensure it is properly cited and have your Secretary send it in Word / PDF format to publications@amdusa.org. While we cannot print all papers, we want to ensure that our Grand Council is keeping record of the transactions taking place and publishing quality and original work.

Please ensure you include the following information in the title on the paper:

- Your name
- Your Council
- Date presented
- Phone Number & Email Address