



# GUIDE BOOK

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction  
**SCOTTISH**  
**RITE**<sup>™</sup>



## Guide Book

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## Welcome

My Brother,

Your journey and search for Masonic light began in the Blue Lodge. After you were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the world of Freemasonry opened wide, providing many additional paths to pursue and explore. The Scottish Rite, NMJ extends the opportunity to journey to further light in Masonry through its twenty-nine degrees from the 4° through the 32°.

To help Scottish Rite, NMJ Brethren continue their quest for self-improvement, the Supreme Council has developed the Pathfinder Program for you.

Through participating in various activities and exploring the resources of the Scottish Rite, Pathfinder serves as a guide for 32° Scottish Rite Masons to uncover the road that best serves their needs and interests. A multitude of activities called Mile Markers lead you to discover the experiences, knowledge, and lifelong friendships that help you become the best version of the man you know you can be.

Whether you are a newly initiated 32° Scottish Rite Mason or have been a member for decades, there are many paths forward. Let Pathfinder help you find yours.

To complete the Pathfinder Program, you must complete thirty-two Mile Markers, across five categories, or what we call “Waypoints.” Each Waypoint represents a different but equally important facet of our fraternity. The five Waypoints of the Pathfinder program are outlined below:



Organization



Self-Improvement



Valley Life



Enrichment Programs



Service & Philanthropy

Your Field Book provides the space for you to document your journey through the Scottish Rite and can serve as a keepsake of your experience. Inside the cover of your Field Book is a QR code leading to this Guide Book, which will provide for you an overview of the Pathfinder program, the basic guidelines and resources to complete the program, and sections detailing each of the Waypoints and their respective Mile Markers.

We hope you enjoy the Pathfinder Program and wish you Godspeed as you venture ahead as a 32° Scottish Rite Freemason. Remember, the journey is just as important as the destination!

## Essential Gear

Having the “Rite” gear is planning for success! The equipment and resources listed below are provided to help point you in the right direction during your Pathfinder journey.

**Orientation:** On the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 pm ET, you are invited to attend an informative Pathfinder Orientation webinar. During this session, we provide an overview of the Pathfinder Program, How To Get Started, Updating Member Center, Program Completion, and answer any questions you might have! This is an optional but highly recommended component of getting started. Please visit the Pathfinder section of the Member Center to add this to your calendar, obtain the Zoom link, or view the most recent webinar in the Pathfinder Video Library.

**Pathfinder Advisors:** If at any time during your journey through the Pathfinder Program you need additional assistance or have general questions, you can always reach out to your local Pathfinder Advisor. Please visit the Pathfinder page on the Scottish Rite, NMJ website to view the directory and find contact information for an Advisor in your state!

**Computer:** The use of either a computer or mobile device will be required to access the various web and digital resources needed to complete the Pathfinder Program.

**Mobile Device:** Although optional, a smartphone or tablet will allow for easier and faster access to the various web and digital resources.

**QR Codes:** To scan a QR Code, such as the one shown below, or on the inside cover of your Field Book, you will need to use a smartphone or mobile device. Open your camera app, center the QR code on your screen and remain steady. Tap on the notification that appears and you will be taken directly to that resource.



**Pathfinder Field Book:** If during your travels you misplace your Field Book, you can request a replacement by submitting a Pathfinder Support Ticket in the Member

## Center.

**Pathfinder Guide Book:** Please make note of the [Guide Book version](#) you are using as there will be periodic additions and updates. When in doubt, please visit the [Pathfinder](#) page on the [Scottish Rite, NMJ](#) website to obtain the most current version.

**Scottish Rite, NMJ Degree Passport:** If a Mile Marker requires a degree to be witnessed or passport stamp to be obtained, you should first manually update your Field Book entry and [Degree Passport](#). You can then update this information in the [Member Center](#) under the [Pathfinder](#) and [My Degree History](#) sections.

**“F.O.R.D.” Conversation Method:** Starting a conversation with a stranger (even a Brother Mason) can be intimidating for some. A useful tool that you can use to help with several of our Mile Markers is the “F.O.R.D.” Conversation Method. It stands for:

- Family
- Occupation
- Recreation
- Dreams

By thinking through a few questions ahead of time for each category, you can easily engage and connect with others in any social setting. Give it a try!

**Websites:** A complete list of web and digital resources can be found in the [Web & Digital Resources](#) section of the Guide Book.

- Scottish Rite, NMJ: [ScottishRiteNMJ.org](http://ScottishRiteNMJ.org)
  - Supreme Council Constitutions
  - Scottish Rite NMJ, Officers Manual
  - Supreme Council Proceedings
- Member Center: [j365.scottishritenmj.org/my/index](http://j365.scottishritenmj.org/my/index)
  - Member Profile: Update your personal contact information, family, and military history.
  - Degree History: Update degrees that have been witnessed in pursuit of completing your Degree Passport. (Gold Passport progress must be maintained manually at this time.)
  - Updating Mile Markers: Upon the completion of a Mile Marker, you will need to update two records:

- Field Book Entry: Include the title of the Mile Marker, your field notes, signature, and date.
  - Member Center: You will also need to update your digital entry in the [Member Center](#) under the [Pathfinder](#) section. Keeping these entries up-to-date ensures that your progress is safeguarded if something were to happen to your Field Book.
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- Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library: [SRMML.org](http://SRMML.org)
  - Children's Dyslexia Centers: [childrensdyslexiacenters.org](http://childrensdyslexiacenters.org)
  - Thursday Night at the Rite: [tnr.srnmj.org](http://tnr.srnmj.org)
  - Virtual Reunions: [reunion.srnmj.org](http://reunion.srnmj.org)

Please note that for those wishing to print a copy of this Guide Book, a complete list of QR Codes and URLs for the web and digital resources referenced in our Essential Gear, Waypoints, and Mile Markers can be found at the [back of this guide](#).



## Program Guidelines

To successfully complete the Pathfinder Program, you will need to complete any six Mile Markers within each of the five Waypoints. These can be selected and completed in any order of your choosing. You will then choose any two additional remaining Mile Markers from any of the Waypoints.

- Organization (6)
- Self-Improvement (6)
- Valley Life (6)
- Enrichment Programs (6)
- Service & Philanthropy (6)
- Choice (2)
- Total (32)

Your progress should be thoughtfully documented in your Field Book as well as in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#). Some of the questions, tasks, and research posed may require more thought and effort than others. There may also be times when you feel lost or unable to answer a question within a Mile Marker. We encourage you to reach out and ask for help from a Brother or officer in your Valley. Learning from one another helps to make us better men and Masons!

Although your overall program progress will be tracked in Member Center, the Supreme Council will not be able to verify the accuracy of your answers. The resources provided in this Guide Book will help point you in the right direction to find necessary information so you may familiarize yourself and draw your own conclusions. This should serve as a reminder to each of us that in our personal journey of life, we do not have all the answers and should humbly seek wisdom and guidance from above and support from our fellow travelers.

We ask that you review your answers carefully. If you have completed the requirements of the Mile Marker to the best of your ability, you may then sign and date your Field Book entry as being complete. Your progress in this program rests entirely upon your word and honor as a man and Mason.

If you have researched a topic through the provided web and digital resources, have spoken with members and officers in your Valley and your [Pathfinder Advisor](#), and you are still unable to traverse a particular Mile Marker, you may log in to the [Member Center](#) and submit a Pathfinder help ticket. One of our guides will offer the needed support to help get you pointed in the right direction.

## Updating Member Center

Similar to the process of receiving a stamp in your Degree Passport and then updating your degree history, your Mile Marker progress in your Field Book will also need to be added and updated in your member record in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#).

From the [Pathfinder](#) dashboard, you will be able to select the appropriate Mile Marker, add your digital notes, and the completion date. An updated total will then show you how many Mile Markers have been completed from each of the Waypoints. You are encouraged to add your complete Field Notes to these Member Center entries for future reference for two reasons:

1. It will safeguard your progress if you happen to lose your current Field Book.
2. If you choose to complete the Pathfinder Program more than once (or even multiple times), it will serve as a handy reference for how you previously completed the various Mile Markers as many of these experiences are often unique.

On-screen directions will help guide you through this process. Once you have updated all thirty-two Mile Markers in the Member Center and have completed the Pathfinder Program, you will receive a Pathfinder achievement badge in Member Center. Supreme Council will automatically be notified that you have completed the program and you will receive a very special Pathfinder Award Box as a token of appreciation for your achievement.

If you still need additional assistance with updating Member Center, or have any other questions on the Pathfinder Program, we encourage you to attend one of our monthly Pathfinder Orientation webinars. These are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm (Eastern Time) and run approximately 60 minutes. Please visit the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#) to add this to your calendar and obtain the Zoom link for this webinar. You can also reach out to your local [Pathfinder Advisor](#) by visiting the [Pathfinder](#) page on the Scottish Rite, NMJ website.



## Waypoints & Mile Markers

To complete the Pathfinder Program, you must complete thirty-two Mile Markers, across the five Waypoint categories. Each Waypoint represents a different but equally important facet of our fraternity and has a variety of Mile Marker activities from which to choose. The five Waypoints of the Pathfinder Program are: Organization, Self-Improvement, Valley Life, Enrichment Programs, and Service & Philanthropy.

As with any journey or adventure, there will always be some paths that are easier than others. The best scenery and views, however, generally require earnest and sincere effort to achieve. You are encouraged to challenge yourself and select Mile Markers that push yourself to grow and learn through this experience. The greatest reward you can receive from the Pathfinder Program is gaining a deeper understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of your Scottish Rite journey as you strive to become a better man and Freemason in the company of your fellow travelers. Take your time and be deliberate in your choices. The view from your personal peak is breathtaking.

## Organization Mile Markers

Please complete your choice of six of the following Pathfinder “Organization” Mile Markers. These can be selected and completed in any order of your choosing. Upon the completion of each Mile Marker, please document your progress, observations, and any personal follow-up questions you may have in your Field Book and in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#).

### **PF-Org\_001**

How many Scottish Rite jurisdictions are there in North America? How many men have served as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction? Who is our current Sovereign Grand Commander, and what is his home Valley? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

(Optional Bonus) Obtain the signature of our Sovereign Grand Commander in your Field Book.

### **PF-Org\_002**

What is the Vision Statement of the Scottish Rite, NMJ? Commit this to memory and list three ways that the term [“care”](#) can be interpreted and applied to our members. Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-Org\_003**

What are the [Scottish Rite Charities](#)? Provide a summary for each in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-Org\_004**

How many Valleys are in your home state, and when were their bodies chartered? (Hint: These can be found in the Annual Proceedings) Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-Org\_005**

What are the four Scottish Rite Subordinate Bodies? How many of these bodies do you have in your Valley? Who are the presiding officers of each and the Valley Secretary? Obtain the signatures of your presiding officers and secretary in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-Org\_006**

How many elected and appointed officers are there in each of the bodies in your Valley? Obtain the signatures of at least one officer from each body in your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org\_007**

What is a Council of Deliberation (COD)? In what year was your state's Council of Deliberation formed?

**PF-Org\_008**

Who are the officers of your Council of Deliberation? Obtain the signatures of your Deputy, COD Secretary, and COD Treasurer in your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org\_009**

What is a Deputy's Representative and what are his duties? Who are the Deputy's Representatives for your state? Ask your local Deputy's Representative to sign your Field Book entry and obtain one additional Deputy's Representative (if applicable in your state) signature of your choice in your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org\_010**

What is a Supreme Council? Who are the officers of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org\_011**

Obtain the signature of one of the Supreme Council officers. What are his duties as an officer for Supreme Council? What is his home valley? Did he serve as a line head of a subordinate body? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org\_012**

What is an Active Member of the Supreme Council and what are their duties? Who are the Active members of your state? What Valleys are they from? Obtain the signatures of any two Active members in your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org-013**

What is an Active Emeritus member of the Supreme Council and what are their duties? Who are the living Active Emeritus members for your state? What Valleys are they from? Bonus: Ask an Active Emeritus member to sign your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org\_014**

What is an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council? List three Honorary Members and obtain their signatures in your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org\_015**

What are the official caps worn within the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction? What are their colors and what do they represent? Record your findings

in your Field Book entry.

**PF-Org\_016**

*What is the Meritorious Service Award and under whose authority is it awarded? Obtain the signature of three MSA recipients.*

## Self-Improvement Mile Markers

Please complete your choice of six of the following Pathfinder “Self-Improvement” Mile Markers. These can be selected and completed in any order of your choosing. Upon the completion of each Mile Marker, please document your progress, observations, and any personal follow-up questions you may have in your Field Book and in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#)

### **PF-SI\_001**

Register your personal SRNMJ online member account and verify all of the information below. This will open the door to member-only content and virtual degree opportunities such as Thursday Night at the Rite and our Virtual Reunions.

- Personal Contact Information
- Family Information
- Degree History
- Medals & Awards (If Applicable)

### **PF-SI\_002**

Watch the “[Journey On](#)” video and ask three Valley Brothers what their journey to the Scottish Rite has entailed thus far and what they have enjoyed most. Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-SI\_003 (Updated 23.2)**

Select a topic from something significant you have learned in the Pathfinder Program and then create a post detailing this in the [Pathfinder Facebook Group](#). Reference this Mile Marker, your Home Valley, and then describe what you have learned. Record your progress in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-SI\_004**

Attend a New Member Orientation at your Valley. Reflect on what you learned and record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-SI\_005**

Introduce yourself to five members in your valley that you do not already know. Sit down and have a conversation with them and learn about them using the “F.O.R.D.” method. Record your findings and obtain their signature in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SI\_006**

Read an article on the [ScottishRiteNMJ.org](http://ScottishRiteNMJ.org) blog. Reflect on what you learned and record your findings in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SI\_007**

Reflect upon which Masons have influenced you the most. Why? How did their positive influence impact your life? Record your responses in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SI\_008**

Earn five new stamps in your degree passport. Record the degrees you witnessed in your Field Book entry. If you have not previously witnessed this degree, be sure to have your passport stamped at the Valley and update your degree history in [Member Center](#).

#### **PF-SI\_009**

Watch the “[Even Better](#)” video and list three ways your Masonic journey has made you a better man. Reflect and then record your findings in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SI\_010**

Attend a Virtual Reunion or Thursday Night at the Rite. Record the degrees you witnessed in your Field Book entry. If you have not previously witnessed any of these degrees, be sure to have your passport stamped at the Valley at a later time and update your degree history in [Member Center](#).

#### **PF-SI\_011 (Updated 23.2)**

What do you want to achieve from your participation in the Scottish Rite? What are you trying to improve about yourself and what do you hope to find on this path? Create a post detailing this in the [Pathfinder Facebook Group](#). Reference this Mile Marker, your Home Valley, and then describe what you hope to achieve. Record your progress in your Field Book entry. Set a reminder for six months and twelve months to ensure you are sticking to your desired path. If not, adjust as needed.

#### **PF-SI\_012**

What is the motto of a 32° Scottish Rite Freemason in Latin and English. What does this motto mean to you and how does it interact in your everyday life? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.



**PF-SI\_013**

*Introduce yourself to three members in your Blue Lodge that you do not already know or know very well. Sit down and have a conversation with them and learn about them using the “F.O.R.D.” method. Record your findings and obtain their signature in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-SI\_014**

*Who are the officers of your Blue Lodge? Obtain the signatures of your Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-SI\_015**

*Participate in a non-speaking role for a Blue Lodge degree and attend the practices. Reflect on your experience and record your findings in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-SI\_016**

*Participate in a speaking role for a Blue Lodge degree and attend the practices. Reflect on your experience and record your findings in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-SI\_017**

*Preside over, assist with, or attend a Masonic Funeral Service. What is something you learned about this Brother’s personal and fraternal life? Reflect upon these findings and record them in your Field Book entry. (Reverence for God)*

**PF-SI\_018**

*Record ten facts about a religion that is not your own. Reflect upon your findings in your Field Book entry. (Reverence for God, Toleration)*

**PF-SI\_019 (Added 23.2)**

*As an additional resource to help you along your path in the program and Scottish Rite, join the Pathfinder Facebook Group [here](#). Post a message to the group with your home Valley, a brief bio/introduction, reference this Mile Marker, and why you chose to begin your Pathfinder journey. Record your progress in your Field Book entry.*

## Valley Life Mile Markers

Please complete your choice of six of the following Pathfinder “Valley Life” Mile Markers. These can be selected and completed in any order of your choosing. Upon the completion of each Mile Marker, please document your progress, observations, and any personal follow-up questions you may have in your Field Book and in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#)

### **PF-VL\_001**

Make a minimum of ten Brother-To-Brother phone calls. In your Field Book entry, list how you felt before and after making these calls. Also, note how you feel these calls may have impacted the Brothers contacted. Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-VL\_002**

Contact your valley and volunteer to make a minimum of ten retention calls. Ask how we might improve upon the Scottish Rite experience and share this information, along with any other concerns, with your retention team. Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-VL\_003**

Send a minimum of five hand-written cards to members of your Valley. Reflect on how these cards might make a difference for a Brother and record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-VL\_004**

Send a [Brother-to-Brother](#) card to a Brother through the NMJ website. Reflect on how these cards might make a difference for a Brother and record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-VL\_005**

Participate in a non-speaking role for a degree and attend the practices. What is the Core Value of the degree? Record your experience in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-VL\_006**

Participate in a speaking part for a degree. What is the Core Value of the degree? Record your experience in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-VL\_007**

Volunteer and assist the stage crew at a Valley Reunion. Record your experience in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-VL\_008**

*Attend a combination of any six of the following:*

- *Valley Stated Meetings*
- *Reunions, Degrees, Rehearsals, or Rite on the Road Events*
- *Valley/Social Events*
- *KSA/Guild Meetings*

*Record your experiences in your Field Book entry.*

### **PF-VL\_009**

*Attend two Family Life Events and bring your significant other/children/grandchildren. From the perspective of your guests, record how you feel the experience might have positively impacted them. Record your findings in your Field Book entry.*

### **PF-VL\_010**

*Volunteer and assist in any of the following during a fraternal meal at your Valley. Reflect and record how service to others made you feel in your Field Book entry.*

- *Serve Meals/Refill Refreshments/Clear Tables/Clean Up*
- *Assist with any program presentations being made*

*(Core Value: Service to Humanity)*

### **PF-VL\_011**

*Bring a friend that is not a Mason to an open social event. Make a point to introduce your friend to members of the Valley and ensure they are comfortable and have a good time. Reflect and record how this event represented the Scottish Rite Experience to your guest.*

### **PF-VL\_012**

*Bring a friend that is a non-Scottish Rite Mason to an open event. Make a point to introduce your friend to members of the Valley and ensure they are comfortable and have a good time. Reflect and record how this event represented the Scottish Rite Experience to your guest.*

### **PF-VL\_013**

*Be the top-line recommending Brother for a membership petition. Volunteer to be a mentor/resource to this new member to ensure he has a positive Scottish Rite Experience.*

#### **PF-VL\_014**

*Visit a Valley in your state and attend one of the following events. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry.*

- *Stated Meeting*
- *Reunion, Degree, or Rite on the Road Event*
- *Valley/Social Event*

#### **PF-VL\_015**

*Visit a Valley outside of your state and attend one of the following events. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry.*

- *Stated Meeting*
- *Reunion, Degree, or Rite on the Road Event*
- *Valley/Social Event*

#### **PF-VL\_016**

*Visit a Valley outside of the NMJ and attend one of the following events. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry.*

- *Stated Meeting*
- *Reunion, Degree, or Rite on the Road Event*
- *Valley/Social Event*

#### **PF-VL\_017**

*What is Rite on the Road? Attend a Rite on the Road event for any Valley. Record the degrees you witnessed in your Field Book entry. If you have not previously witnessed this degree, be sure to have your passport stamped at the Valley and update your degree history in [Member Center](#).*

#### **PF-VL\_018**

*What is the Feast of the Pascal Lamb? Attend a Feast of the Pascal Lamb service in your state. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry.*

#### **PF-VL\_019**

*Volunteer to serve on a Valley committee/event. What are your passions and areas of expertise? How can you apply these to this committee/event? Record your experience in your Field Book entry.*

#### **PF-VL\_020**

*Reflect and note in your Field Book how you think your Valley might benefit from a new club or guild. Is there a special interest or activity that might be fun for members*

to do together outside of regular meetings? Talk to a Valley officer and share your ideas.

#### **PF-VL\_021**

What is a [Valley of Excellence](#)? Has your Valley received this distinction? Reflect upon how this program impacts the Member Experience and how you might assist your Valley in this effort. Record these findings in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-VL\_022**

Reflect upon the Core Value(s) featured in a degree you have witnessed. How were these Core Values demonstrated in the degree and how might you exemplify them in your daily life? Record these findings in your Field Book entry. (Core Values: Reverence for God, Devotion to Country, Integrity, Justice, Tolerance, and Service to Humanity)

#### **PF-VL\_023 (Updated 23.2)**

To help a Brother feel welcome and involved, recruit one Brother to shadow you in the performance of a duty or responsibility you perform for the Valley. Explain to him the process and the impact this duty has upon the membership. Create a post detailing this in the [Pathfinder Facebook Group](#). Reference this Mile Marker, your Home Valley, and then describe how you approached this Mile Marker. Record your progress in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-VL\_024**

Participate in the presentation of colors (flags) at a Valley meeting, event, or reunion. Reflect upon this experience and record your findings in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Devotion to Country)

## Enrichment Programs Mile Markers

Please complete your choice of six of the following Pathfinder “Enrichment Programs” Mile Markers. These can be selected and completed in any order of your choosing. Upon the completion of each Mile Marker, please document your progress, observations, and any personal follow-up questions you may have in your Field Book and in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#).

### **PF-EP\_001**

Encourage three newer members to begin their Pathfinder journey. Arrange a time to speak with them personally. Describe how you feel Pathfinder could enhance their Scottish Rite experience and offer to be a resource for them as they work through the program. Record your general impressions of these conversations and obtain the signature of each Brother in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-EP-002**

What is the mission statement of the [Hauts Grades Academy](#) (HGA)? What is needed to enroll and what are the requirements of this program? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-EP-003**

How many open enrollments are there each year for the [HGA program](#)? Enroll in the next HGA class and complete Level 1 of the program. Record your experience in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-EP\_004**

Attend your annual Council of Deliberation meeting. Introduce yourself to three members that are not from your home valley and that you do not already know. Sit down and have a conversation with them and learn about them using the “F.O.R.D.” method. Record your findings and obtain their signature in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-EP\_005**

Attend a local, regional, or NMJ-sponsored Membership/Leadership Education Event. What topics were covered during these events? Reflect and record what you learned in your Field Book entry.

### **PF-EP\_006**

Attend a Grand Lodge leadership development program. What topics were covered during these events? Reflect and record what you learned at this event in your Field Book entry.



**PF-EP\_007**

*Attend a Scottish Rite leadership development webinar. What topics were covered during these events? Reflect and record what you learned at this event in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-EP\_008**

*Read a Best Practices entry on the SRNMJ website and list three ways how you could apply those lessons to your own Valley in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-EP\_009**

*Coordinate or set up a Masonic youth organizations education night at your Valley. (DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls) Record your experience in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-EP\_010**

*Read a leadership or educational blog on the SRNMJ website and reflect on how you could apply those lessons to your own Valley. Reflect and record your findings in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-EP\_011**

*Read an essay from an [HGA Scholar](#). Reflect on what you found interesting/informative about the essay and record your findings in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-EP\_012**

*Contribute a Best Practices or article to the Supreme Council on a successful Valley event or initiative. Reflect and record your findings in your Field Book entry.*

**PF-EP\_013**

*Attend a youth organization meeting near you. Have a Brother accompany you. Reflect on this experience and record your findings in your Field Book entry.*

## Service & Philanthropy Mile Markers

Please complete your choice of six of the following Pathfinder “Service & Philanthropy” Mile Markers. These can be selected and completed in any order of your choosing. Upon the completion of each Mile Marker, please document your progress, observations, and any personal follow-up questions you may have in your Field Book and in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#).

### **PF-SP\_001**

Participate in, or donate to, one community service event. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Service to Humanity)

### **PF-SP\_002**

Organize or participate in a food drive for a local food pantry. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Service to Humanity)

### **PF-SP\_003**

Organize or participate in a food delivery service for elderly members and widows. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Service to Humanity)

### **PF-SP\_004**

Perform an anonymous random act of kindness for a member/widow. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Service to Humanity)

### **PF-SP\_005**

Organize or participate in a Day of Service for a local non-profit. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Service to Humanity)

### **PF-SP\_006**

Organize or participate in a Day of Service for elderly members/widows. Reflect and record your experience in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Service to Humanity)

### **PF-SP\_007**

What is the purpose of the [Grand Almoner's Fund](#)? Provide an overview of our keystone charity in your Field Book entry. How can you support the Grand Almoner's Fund?

### **PF-SP\_008**

Make a minimum \$1.00 donation to the Blue Envelope/Grand Almoner's Fund Appeal.

Reflect how these donations might help a distressed worthy Brother and his family in their time of need in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SP\_009**

Visit the online [Masonic Marketplace](#) and check out the Masonic apparel. Make a purchase to show your support of our fraternity and wear an item to an upcoming meeting/event. Record your experience in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SP\_010**

Watch a [video](#) about the SRNMJ charities (ex. Three Stories, 7.5 Billion) Reflect on what you learned and record your findings in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SP\_011**

What are the three highest [awards](#) that can be conferred by Supreme Council? For each award, list two recipients. Review the e-book on Supreme Council's highest honor and list the names of those men whose names you recognize. Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SP\_012**

Visit the [Masonic Service Association](#) website. Who are they and what types of services do they provide? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

#### **PF-SP\_013**

Perform wellness checks on at least three of your Valley's senior members. (Do they need groceries? Help with house projects? Ride to an event?) Record your findings in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Service to Humanity)

#### **PF-SP\_014**

Volunteer to organize a fundraiser or community service event to raise awareness of a select Scottish Rite charity. Record your experience in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Service to Humanity)

#### **PF-SP\_015**

What is the [Abbott Scholarship Program](#), and who is eligible? Record your findings in your Field Book entry and then recommend a student to apply for an Abbott Scholarship.

#### **PF-SP\_016**

When are [Abbott Scholarship applications](#) due and where should they be sent? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

**PF-SP\_017**

Visit our [Children's Dyslexia Centers](#) site and find the Centers in your State. What do these centers do and how do they impact the lives of those they serve? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

**PF-SP\_018**

If you live near a [Children's Dyslexia Center](#), contact them and see how you might be able to volunteer for an upcoming event or project. Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

**PF-SP\_019**

What was the original name of the [Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library](#)? Provide a historical overview in your Field Book entry.

**PF-SP\_020**

View at least one online exhibition from the [Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library website](#). Provide a summary of your findings in your Field Book entry.

**PF-SP\_021**

Search the [Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's](#) database of online collections to find an object of interest. Provide a summary of your findings in your Field Book entry.

**PF-SP\_022**

How is the Membership Education Fund able to support educational programs for Scottish Rite members? What are some programs that this fund has helped establish? Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

**PF-SP\_023**

Volunteer to join your Brothers at an ROTC award presentation to represent SR and the Masonic Fraternity. Reflect on this experience and record your findings in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Devotion to Country)

**PF-SP\_024**

Volunteer to serve as Chaplain and deliver an appropriate Masonic prayer before an event or meal. Reflect on this experience and record your findings in your Field Book entry. (Core Value: Tolerance, Reverence for God)

**PF-SP\_025**

On Veterans Day and/or Memorial Day, assist your Valley in placing flags at a local veterans cemetery. (Core Value: Devotion to Country)

**PF-SP\_026**

*Attend or organize a program at your Valley recognizing Veterans and/or First Responders. Reflect on this experience and record your findings in your Field Book entry. (Core values: Devotion to country and Service to Humanity)*

## Choice Mile Markers

*Please complete your choice of any two remaining Pathfinder Mile Markers from within any Waypoint per the guidelines below. Upon the completion of each Mile Marker, please document your progress, observations, and any personal follow-up questions you may have in your Field Book and in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#).*

*Field Book: Choice selection entries should be made in the corresponding Choice section in the back of your Field Book.*

*Member Center: Choice selection entries must be made directly in the Waypoint section from which the Mile Marker was selected.*



## Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some of the Frequently Asked Questions for the Pathfinder Program. If you have checked the Program Guidelines and this section and need additional assistance, please open a [Pathfinder](#) support ticket in the [Member Center](#).

### **Q001: What advice can you give me as I start the Pathfinder Program?**

Take your time and don't rush the process. Pathfinder is more about the journey rather than the destination. It is a reminder to enjoy, learn, and grow from the experience. If you are having difficulty completing a Mile Marker, talk to a Brother in your Valley. Collaborate and engage with one another.

### **Q002: Do I get credit for Mile Markers that I have completed prior to the launch of the Pathfinder Program?**

No, progress towards the completion of Mile Markers in the Pathfinder Program starts on April 19, 2022.

### **Q003: How can I obtain a new or replacement Field Book? What is the cost?**

To obtain a new or replacement Field Book, you may request one directly from your Valley Secretary or you can submit a Pathfinder Program help ticket in the [Member Center](#).

In the spirit of the Pathfinder Program and our Core Values, the replacement "cost" for a Field Book will be for you to perform a good deed that you feel exemplifies our Core Value, "Service to Humanity". There are no guidelines, deadlines, or reporting requirements for this action. It is intended entirely as a mindful opportunity to exemplify two of our Core Values: "Integrity" and "Service to Humanity".

### **Q004: If I am unsure how to complete a Mile Marker what should I do?**

The best thing you can do to work through a Mile Marker is to speak with a knowledgeable Brother in your Valley. The Pathfinder Program encourages problem-solving through interpersonal engagement. If you have exhausted all other available resources, additional support options are available in [Member Center](#) to help get you pointed in the right direction.

### **Q005: What do I need to do to complete the Pathfinder Program?**

To successfully complete the Pathfinder Program, you will need to complete six Mile Markers within each of the five Waypoints and then choose any two additional Mile Markers for a total of thirty-two completed Mile Markers. These must be updated in your Field Book and in the [Pathfinder](#) section of the [Member Center](#) to receive the

Member Center achievement badge. For additional information, please see the [Updating Member Center](#) section of the Guide Book.

**Q006: Can I complete the Pathfinder Program more than once?**

Absolutely! There is no limit to the number of times you can complete the Pathfinder Program. It was designed to provide the opportunity for a unique experience similar to a “Choose Your Own Adventure” story.

**Q007: I have a great idea for Pathfinder, how can I share this information?**

When you receive your Pathfinder Award Box, there will be a URL/QR code that you can visit to learn about additional opportunities, provide feedback, and share your ideas!

**Q008: How often will the Guide Book be updated?**

The Guide Book will be updated on a regular basis to include any new or modified Mile Markers. Please visit the [Pathfinder](#) landing page or [Pathfinder](#) section of Member Center to see the date and version of the current release. You can then download the latest version. You will also notice that in Member Center, new Mile Markers will indicate that they have been recently added.

**Q009: What challenges await those that have completed the Pathfinder Program?**

For those that have completed the Pathfinder Program, we will be releasing some advanced Pathfinder content in a future release with more complex and challenging Mile Markers.

**Q010: Is there Pathfinder apparel available?**

Pathfinder apparel will be available in the near future for those that want to show their support for the program!

**Q011: Do Waypoints and Mile Makers need to be completed in order?**

No. You are free to pick and choose from any of the Waypoints/Mile Markers and can complete them in any order you so choose.

**Q012: Can I work on more than one Mile Marker at the same time?**

Absolutely! There are no limitations on the number of Mile Markers or Waypoints that you are able to have in progress at any given time.

**Q013: How can I see what changes and updates have been made to the most recent version of the Guide Book?**

To see the most recent changes and updates to the Pathfinder Guide Book, you can visit the [changelog page](#) on the Scottish Rite, NMJ website!

## Web & Digital Resources



Scottish Rite, NMJ  
[ScottishRiteNMJ.org](http://ScottishRiteNMJ.org)



Member Center  
[srnmj.org/member-center](http://srnmj.org/member-center)



Leadership Resource Center  
[srnmj.org/LRC](http://srnmj.org/LRC)



Pathfinder  
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Thursday Night  
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[tnr.srnmj.org](http://tnr.srnmj.org)



Virtual Reunions  
[reunion.srnmj.org](http://reunion.srnmj.org)



Charities  
[srnmj.org/charities](http://srnmj.org/charities)



Grand Almoner's Fund  
[srnmj.org/almoners](http://srnmj.org/almoners)



Abbott Scholarships  
[srnmj.org/abbott](http://srnmj.org/abbott)



Caring for our Members  
[srnmj.org/care](http://srnmj.org/care)



Passport  
[srnmj.org/passport](https://srnmj.org/passport)



NMJ Brand Assets  
[srnmj.org/brand](https://srnmj.org/brand)



Medals & Awards  
[srnmj.org/medals](https://srnmj.org/medals)



Masonic Service Association  
[msana.com](https://msana.com)



Scottish Rite, NMJ Blog  
[srnmj.org/blog](https://srnmj.org/blog)



Brother-to-Brother Card  
[srnmj.org/b2b](https://srnmj.org/b2b)



Hauts Grades Academy  
[srnmj.org/hga](https://srnmj.org/hga)



HGA Graduates  
[srnmj.org/grads](https://srnmj.org/grads)



Journey On  
[srnmj.org/journey-on](https://srnmj.org/journey-on)



Even Better  
[srnmj.org/njam](https://srnmj.org/njam)



Masonic Marketplace  
[srnmj.org/marketplace](https://srnmj.org/marketplace)



Video Gallery  
[srnmj.org/videos](https://srnmj.org/videos)



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Caring for our Members  
[srnmj.org/care](http://srnmj.org/care)



Valley of Excellence  
[srnmj.org/VOE](http://srnmj.org/VOE)



Guide Book Changelog  
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