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BOOK REVIEW

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MEDITATIONS OF A FLAWED ASHLAR

Bill Hosler

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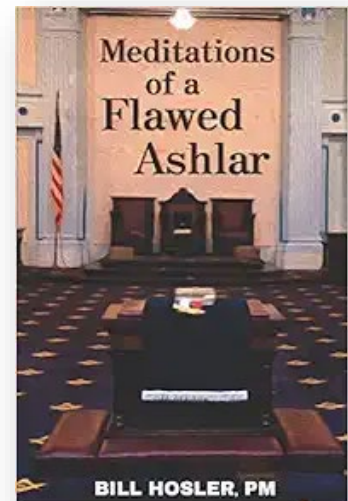
I have to say that I enjoyed this book, *Meditations of a Flawed Ashlar*, very much. Although it is only 92 pages and 32 chapters, it is wonderfully written, with the author's details and thoughts regarding Freemasonry clearly describing his experiences and accounts of his Masonic journey.

Worshipful Brother Bill Hosler opened my mind to ask questions after each chapter, causing me to reflect on how, and if, my answers were different than his, and why. For example, men who are Great Masters to me might be different for another brother in another Lodge in another location.

His outlook on leadership as an officer in your respective lodge is down to earth and refreshing, and encourages Masonic education, of which today's Crafts is in need! We all should strive to be positive in our attitude, developing an atmosphere to "make our mark" as a Freemason.

Worshipful Brother Hosler was a contributor to the "Midnight Freemasons," as are others mentioned in this book. I was intrigued by their articles and website, which I viewed and found interesting. His descriptions and examples are simple, and speak to the point of what Freemasonry has become over the last 50 years. My favorite chapter was #7, "Cereal Box Masonry." I read it numerous times, and like watching the same movie several times, I took away more and more information each time to apply with faith and understanding to use in the future in Masonry.

Mr. Hosler's Masonic resume is uplifting, being a veteran as I am. His was a path that so many others have walked, and in other eras and battles, and Masonry has taught us, "it will carry you through life's challenges if you apply it." Each chapter is a part of the author's life professionally, personally, and spiritually. If you are looking for a good book to read and enjoy some uplifting insight on Masonry and one man's travels through this wonderful fraternity we share, I highly recommend *Meditations of a Flawed Ashlar*.



One of the questions that he asked was, “Is your Lodge a carrot, egg, or coffee bean?” I applied his analysis to myself and friends after I read it.

In closing, I must share that I looked Bill Hosler up on Facebook to thank him for his words of wisdom and insight. I messaged him with my contact information. Three days later, I was messaged back that Worshipful Brother Bill Hosler had passed away June 6, 2024, at the age of 58 years. His untimely death reminds us that we do not know the time or day we will be called away. Discover plenty, health and peace.

Independently published in 2021, *Meditations of a Flawed Ashar* is available from online book sellers.