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Book Review

A Path To Providence

The Creation of the Middle Chamber Program

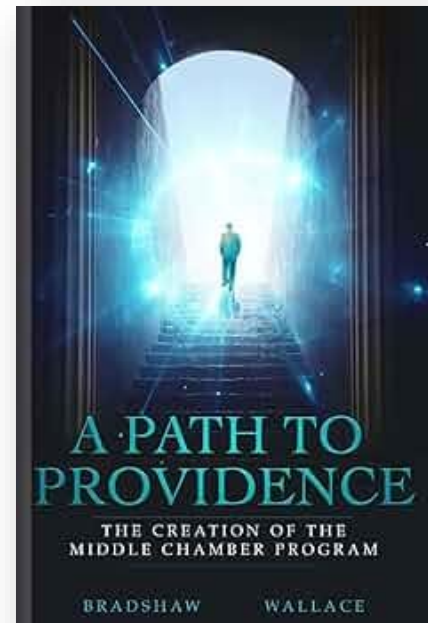
Shaun Bradshaw & Ben Wallace

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The current state of Freemasonry in America should be at the forethought of all Masons who seek greater understanding of the Craft but find that their lodges fail to deliver upon the intent and design of the Masonic Order. Lack of delivering quality education and understanding to those initiated into the fraternity of Freemasonry, while rushing initiates through the degrees, perpetuates an ongoing cycle of masonic ignorance. This continuing practice further challenges lodges to meet the expectations of those members who come to the Craft seeking spiritual and philosophical self-awareness and growth. Rooted in past practices, the belief that high membership numbers on the rolls is a predictor of success must be abandoned. Replacing such an erroneous notion must be practices that are designed to deliver upon the original aim and intent of Freemasonry.

In *A Path To Providence*, Bradshaw and Wallace have delineated an educational program designed to deliver quality education and understanding of the Masonic degrees and rituals to members of the Grand Jurisdiction of North Carolina. The program is intended for Masons who have a genuine interest in pursuing a greater understanding of hidden lessons that are often neglected in lodges today. Their journey from conception to actual implementation with demonstrable and quantitative outcomes is a must read for any Mason interested in either receiving or delivering upon the original intent and aim of Freemasonry – to make its votaries wiser, better, and consequently happier.



Bradshaw and Wallace's well-thought-out plan to overcome a surface level understanding of Freemasonry by its members strikes right at the heart of the issues confronting our Craft today. Members of the fraternity seeking a plan of action to change the culture of a lodge from a business meeting experience to one where quality education and understanding of degree and ritual is mainstream will want to explore the efforts of Bradshaw and Wallace who are applying such a strategy to an entire Jurisdiction.

First published in 2021, *A Path To Providence* remains in print and is available through online book sellers.