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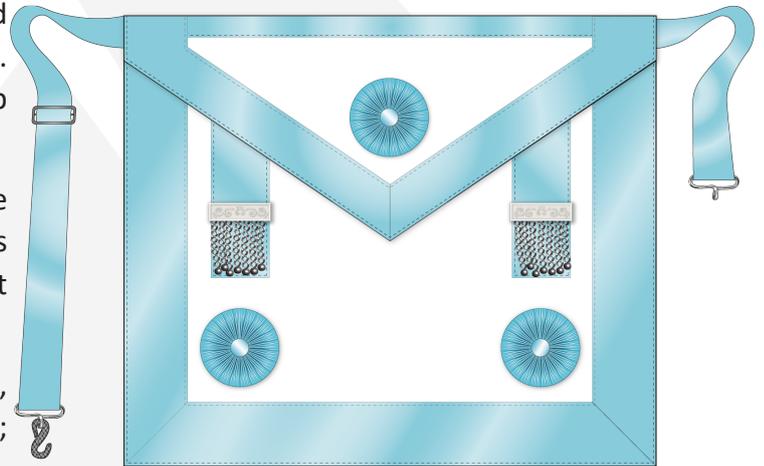
The Master Mason's apron

Summary: The Symbolism of the Master Mason's Apron.

This apron, like that of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Freemason, is made of white lambskin. It is an emblem of purity and the bond of friendship and peace.

It is adorned with blue and our Antient Brethren, like those of the present day, never clothed themselves except in the royal colours of Red, Blue, Scarlet or Purple.

It is enriched with silver as a reminder of Tubal Cain, the first artificer in gold, silver and other metals; whose greatest benefit to man was the ploughshare.



The has two lengths of ribbon to remind all Master Masons, that they have passed through the two great pillars of King Solomon's Temple and are now in full possession of the password of a Master Mason, having been raised on the Five-Points-of-Fellowship.

The has three rosettes to remind us of the three that rule a Lodge; the five-points, one at each corner and one at the peak or cap, remind us that five hold a Lodge; whilst the seven strands of the tassels remind us that seven make it perfect.

The triangular position of the three rosettes also reminds us of the equal positions of the three Grand Masters, Solomon, King of Israel; Hiram, King of Tyre; and Hiram Abiff, who are represented in our Lodges by the Worshipful Master and his Wardens.

They each have separate and distinct positions from one another and like the points of a triangle, each face in a different direction, yet still form a perfect figure. So, our Worship Master and his two Wardens are equally zealous and united in forming a perfect figure as they rule and govern the Lodge.



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Read by either a new or an experienced Mason with the minimum of preparation and practice; though ideally, they need to be read a few times beforehand.

Themed with the meeting or activity.

Used to initiate a discussion within a Lodge/Chapter, LOI/COI, or group.

Read at home and shared as a topic for a future discussion.

Used as a focus for an unplanned, informal discussion.

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