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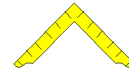
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Greetings from the East



THE LAMBSKIN OR WHITE LEATHER APRON

[Joe Lane Field, PM. New Mexico, New Mexico Freemason, Winter 2010]

The Masonic apron is a pure white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen deep, with a fall about three to four inches deep; square at the bottom without ornament. It is a perfect rectangle and the angles represent truth and honesty. Its four sides remind Masons to practice the four cardinal virtues: temperance in word and act; fortitude in a noble purpose; prudence in judgement; and justice to the humble and great alike.

The flap is triangular and its three sides refer to the three attributes of God-infinite knowledge infinite power, and infinite presence. The two strings remind us that reverence of the practice of Masonic virtues should be bound to the heart and conscience by the double ties of love of God and man. The apron with its four sides and the flap with its three constitute the sacred number seven. Seven refers to the seven liberal arts and sciences which were the foundation of Masonry.

The lambskin or white leather apron is the badge of a Mason, and the first gift bestowed by the Worshipful Master upon the newly initiated Entered Apprentice. The apron is worn by operative Masons, to preserve their garments from spot or stain.

But we, as speculative Masons, use it for a more noble purpose. By the whiteness of its color, and the innocence of the animal from which it is obtained, we are admonished to preserve that blameless purity of life and conduct, which alone will enable us hereafter to present ourselves before the Grand Master of the Universe, unstained with sin and unsullied with vice.

There is no other "badge of a Mason." A man who is not a Mason may cover his coat with pins, wear a Masonic ring, or hang chains of square and compasses all over his attire, with never a right-so to do. He can obtain that right only in a lodge, and he cannot receive - at any other hands - a lambskin apron with any meaning attached, except in a Masonic lodge.

The apron, among many things, is a symbol of innocence, purity, and honor. In ancient times, it was a badge of distinction. None but the members of the Jewish priesthood could wear one. It is still a badge of distinction. Not all men are permitted to wear the Masonic apron. That right is conferred upon you in the Rite of Investiture - when the Worshipful Master presents you with a lambskin or white leather apron.

It's a badge of antiquity, your apron puts emphasis on the value of the past, and its contribution to the present and future happiness of man. The symbolism of your apron has come out of the mists of time. It has been tested by men of religion, as well as laboring men. As it was worn with honor by the Operative Mason, so must it today by the Speculative Mason. The Masonic Apron will only be honorable if it is worthily worn.

You have proven your right to wear it by being tried and tested. You must continue to prove you are worthy of wearing it by putting into practice the lessons, teachings, and philosophy of the Order.

Hence the ceremony of the Rite of Investiture becomes a real worth; only less than that of your Obligation, it puts the sign and seal of value upon that which has been, up to now, a pledge of the word and an obligation of the spirit. The ceremony is of vital importance, for here at last is visual, physical evidence that you are approved by your fellows. You have passed the scrutiny of a committee, you have passed the ballot of your lodge; you have been found worthy, well-qualified, duly and truly prepared; and the apron has been presented to you as the sign and seal of the fraternity that these are accomplished facts.

Lastly, there is a singular, peculiar significance of the Masonic apron. It is the first symbol of Masonic life and also the last. It is impressed upon your memory as the first gift you receive, the first symbol which is explained to you, and the first tangible evidence which you possess of your admission into the fraternity. The meaning and significance of the apron becomes something that binds you to God, your individual religious beliefs, and our Masonic traditions.



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From the Secretary

We have about 12 Lodge Brothers who have not paid their 2021 Lodge Dues. If your Dues Card says "Dues paid through 12/31/2020" you owe 2021 Lodge Dues. Please do not let payment of dues keep you from being an active Mason. Dues may be paid in cash, money order, by check, or on-line. If you are experiencing financial hardships let us know.....we can help with dues. Non-Payment of Dues Notices will be mailed after our April Stated Meeting.



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April Actual Birthdays

Umut Celikel	4/04
Michael Malone	4/08
Jason Spooner	4/09
Stephan Scudder	4/14
Chris Leahy	4/15
Joby Almero	4/16
Gerald Pili	4/16
Eric Bess	4/20
Roger Rosqueta	4/26
Mark Fisher	4/27
Chuck Worsham	4/27
Ed Oates	4/28
Ashley Langley	4/29

April Masonic Birthdays

Kent Flanagan	4/04
Kelly Roberts	4/05
Lane Worthen	4/06
Michael Taylor	4/09
Hilton Butler	4/11
Glenn Means, PGM	4/14
Michael Walker	4/14
Charley McDaniel	4/15
Roger Coursey	4/19
Torsten Holmes	4/21
Sandy Moore	4/26
Kenneth Womack	4/27



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Upcoming Allen Events

Jody Porterfield Graveside Service

Saturday, April 10, 2021
Turrentine Jackson Morrow Funeral Home
Starts at 10:00 AM (Masks Required)

Grand Master's Conference

Saturday, April 10, 2021
St. John's Lodge No. 51 (McKinney)
Register at 3:00 PM—Conference at 4:00 PM (Masks Required)

April Stated Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Dinner at 6:00 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM (Masks Required)

District 9 MWSA Zoom Meeting

Wednesday April 21, 2021
Starts at 7:30 PM (Details to follow)

Esoteric Forum & Exam (Master Masons Only)

Saturday, April 24, 2021
Allen Lodge No. 1435
Starts at 8:00 AM (Masks Required)

May Stated Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Dinner at 6:00 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM (Masks Required)

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