Allied Masonic Degrees Regalia

Regulations for Officers and Members of Constituent Councils

Produced by the Committee on the Image of the Order

The Allied Masonic Degrees affords a unique experience in Freemasonry. The Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees governs the order in the United States, providing oversight and guidance for the conferral of more than a dozen degrees, comprising several different Masonic systems. Outside of the United States, many of these degrees are superintended by independent and sovereign bodies, with their own rules and traditions. Because of this unusual arrangement, one will find many different iterations and variations of regalia associated with the Allied Masonic Degrees as an organization and the degrees worked by our Grand Council. Some manufacturers and retailers have created aprons and other regalia that does not meet with our Grand Council standards, but advertise it as an official or correct style. This has caused confusion among the Craft, warranting the creation of these regulations, which are being supplied for the edification of the membership. Remember, just because you can purchase an item online, does not mean it is correct and should be worn.

The regalia of the Allied Masonic Degrees is not codified in the Constitution, however in the year 2000, as part of the Report of then Sovereign Grand Master Most Venerable Brother Reese L. Harrison, Jr., the following specifications were adopted (*See Annals Volume IX, Part 11, Page 73*):

1. *Aprons for Constituent Councils and Grand Council Officers shall be 15' wide and 13" in height. Aprons for Sovereign Grand Master and Past Grand Masters shall be 16" in width and 14" in height. Body and flap to be white satin and borders of 2" kelly green velvet, except Sovereign Grand Master 's and P.S.G.M.'s to be 2'A" border.*
2. *Differentiations of aprons to be as follows:*
   - *A. Member's apron - AMD emblem on flap in green. No other ornamentation. With cords and Tassels.*
   - *B. Council officer's apron - AMD emblem on flap in green. Craft officer's insignia on body in green. With cords or belt.*
   - *C. Sovereign Master and Past Sovereign Master apron - All velvet bordered with 'A" gilt strips. AMD emblem on flap in gold rayon. Nothing on body.With cords or belt.*
   - *D. Grand Council officer's apron - AMD emblem on flap in gold rayon. Craft officer's emblem on body in gold rayon. All velvet bordered with 'A" gilt strips. With belt.*
   - *E. Sovereign Grand Master's and P.S.G.M.'s apron - AMD emblem on flap in gold rayon. AMD emblem on body within wreath in gold. All velvet bordered with Vi' gilt strip. Gold bullion fringe. With belt.*

These specifications are further refined in the following pages. Questions regarding this document may be directed to the Grand Secretary, who can then refer them to the appropriate officer or committee.

Approved Regalia of a Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees

Members of a Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees may wear a neck jewel and apron. Some Councils wear only jewels, whereas others may wear only aprons. Some may wear both, but others may wear neither. This decision is left entirely up to the Council. However, when regalia is worn, it should conform to the designs herein demonstrated.



A member's apron should be of the traditional style of a Masonic apron, but instead of being trimmed in blue, it is trimmed in kelly green. The flap should be triangular in shape and not rounded. The symbol of the Allied Masonic Degrees may appear on the flap. No laurels should surround the symbol. The apron may fasten with a belt or rope, but the tassels should not be visible.



The jewel of a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees is suspended from the neck on a kelly green ribbon. No other ornamentation should appear on the ribbon.The jewel should depict the symbol of the Allied Masonic Degrees in gold colored metal. Individual portions of the jewel may use colors to highlight specific details, such as green in the central triangle, or the jewels in the crown.

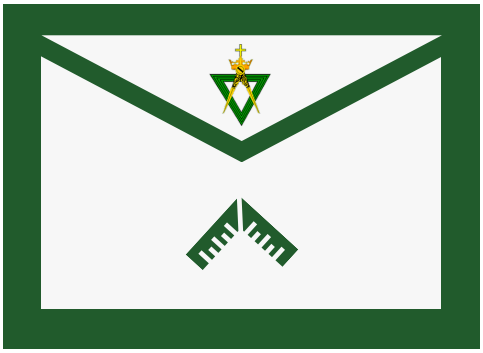
Individual Councils are permitted to create and wear breast jewels denoting their Council or a special occasion, such as an anniversary. These are not considered official jewels of the Grand Council and are purely for commemorative purposes only. Their design is not addressed in this document.

Degree Specific Regalia

Many of the degrees superintended by the Grand Council call for regalia specific to that degree. While this regalia is of interest to many members, it should not be worn as the standard regalia for Council activities. Degree specific regalia should only be worn when the Council is doing work in that degree. Additionally, one should not wear the regalia of any other degrees unless work is being done related to that degree. For example, one should not wear the regalia of an Installed Supreme Ruler while acting as the Sovereign Master for the conferral of the Installed Sovereign Master's Degree. With this in mind, an exception is made when wearing regalia pertaining to honors granted by the Grand Council, such as the ranks of the Red Branch of Eri, the Knight Grand Cross, or the 5th and 6th Grades of the Order of the Scarlet Cord. Decorations associated with these honors is acceptable in conjunction with the traditional regalia of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

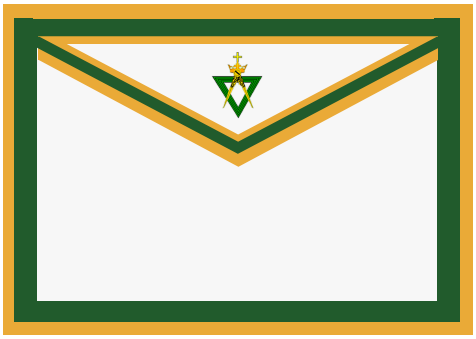
Officer and Past Officer Regalia

One of the unique aspects of the Allied Masonic Degrees is that our system provides for each Council to adopt its own culture and practices. Some Councils regularly meet in a Lodge setting, with full regalia for their officers and members. Others meet over a meal, while only using a Lodge setting when required. Naturally, this leads to different requirements for regalia for a Council. It is up to the officers and members of each Council to decide what works best for their membership. If a Council wishes to purchase specific aprons and regalia for officers and past officers, the following guide should be used.



Some Councils may wish to procure aprons for their officers to wear during meetings. As noted, this is not a requirement and is entirely up to the will of the Council.

Officer aprons should be of a similar style to a member's apron, but the body displays the traditional symbol corresponding to the office in a Craft Lodge at the center of the apron.

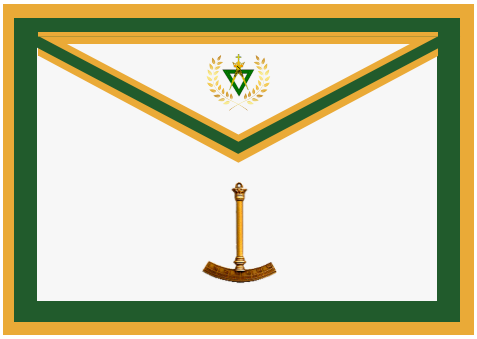


The apron of a Past Sovereign Master of a Council should be of a similar style to a member's apron, but with the addition of a 1 inch border of gold / yellow around the outer edge and flap. The flap should be triangular in shape and not rounded. The symbol of the Allied Masonic Degrees may appear on the flap. No laurels should surround the symbol. There should not be any fringe or additional ornamentation. The apron may fasten with a belt or rope, but the tassels should not be visible.



The jewel of an Installed Master of a Council is suspended from the neck on a kelly green ribbon, or suspended from a white ribbon as a breast jewel. No other ornamentation should appear on the ribbon. The jewel should depict the symbol of the Allied Masonic Degrees in gold colored metal, with the addition of a quadrant at the bottom of the compass. No laurels should surround the symbol. Individual portions of the jewel may use colors to highlight specific details, such as green in the central triangle, or the jewels in the crown.

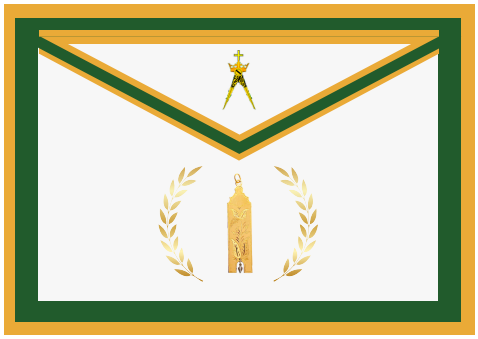
Note: In the past, it was common for a "Past Sovereign Master" to receive a jewel composed of the usual AMD emblem surrounded by laurels. Use of these jewels should be discontinued.



The apron of a Grand Superintendent of the Grand Council should be of a similar style to a Past Sovereign Master's apron. The flap should be triangular in shape and not rounded. The symbol of the Allied Masonic Degrees appears on the flap surrounded by laurels. The symbol a Grand Superintendent, the column and the quadrant, is depicted in the center. There should not be any fringe or additional ornamentation. The apron may fasten with a belt or rope, but the tassels should not be visible. A Past Grand Superintendent retains his apron in recognition of service.



The collar of a Grand Superintendent is of the traditional English pattern, with a kelly green base. The edges are trimmed with gold. The jewel is the symbol a Grand Superintendent, the column and the quadrant. There should not be any fringe or additional ornamentation. The collar should lay flat against the body, with the jewel resting near or on the top flap of the apron when standing at attention. Upon completion of a term as Grand Superintendent, the collar and jewel is delivered to the successor in office and is not retained.



The apron of a Grand Officer of the Grand Council should be of a similar style to a Past Sovereign Master's apron. The flap should be triangular in shape and not rounded. The cross, crown, and compasses appear on the flap without the triangle. The body displays the traditional symbol corresponding to the office in a Craft Lodge. The symbol of office is flanked by laurel leaves. There should not be any fringe or additional ornamentation. The apron may fasten with a belt or rope, but the tassels should not be visible.



The collar of a Grand Officer is of the chain style overlaid upon a kelly green gross grain ribbon, with two bows. The chains and links are made of gold and enamel, depicting the various degrees controlled by the Grand Council. The jewel is composed of the traditional symbol of the office, overlaid upon an inverted equilateral triangle, which rests upon a laurel. The bows of the collar should rest upon the shoulders when worn.



The apron of the Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council should be of a similar style to a Grand Officer's apron. The flap should be triangular in shape and not rounded. The cross, crown, compasses, and triangle appear on the flap. The symbol of of the Order is depicted in the center. The symbol is flanked by laurel leaves. Gold fringe extends from the top, bib, sides, and bottom. Two ornamental tassels extend from under the flap, ending in gold fringe. The apron may fasten with a belt or rope.



The collar of the Sovereign Grand Master is of the chain style overlaid upon a kelly green gross grain ribbon, with a golden ribbon centered thereupon, with two bows. The chains and links are made of gold and enamel, depicting the various degrees controlled by the Grand Council. The jewel is composed of the traditional symbol of the office, surrounded by laurels. The bows of the collar should rest upon the shoulders when worn.



The apron of a Past Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council should be of a similar style to the Sovereign Grand Master's apron. The flap should be triangular in shape and not rounded. The cross, crown, compasses, and triangle appear on the flap. The symbol of the Order is depicted in the center. The symbol is flanked by laurel leaves. Gold fringe extends from top, flap, sides, and bottom. There are no tassels. The apron may fasten with a belt or rope.



The collar of a Past Sovereign Grand Master is of the chain style overlaid upon a kelly green gross grain ribbon, with a white ribbon centered thereupon, with two bows. The chains and links are made of gold and enamel, depicting the various degrees controlled by the Grand Council. The jewel is composed of the symbol of the order, surrounded by laurels, upon a circle of rays. The bows of the collar should rest upon the shoulders when worn.