



## **What You'll See**

The Jewels, Regalia and Clothing which you may encounter

### **JEWELS**

The medals you will see being worn by various brethren are always called "jewels" in a Freemasons' Lodge. Just to confuse the new brother, the emblems of rank hanging on lodge officers' collars are also sometimes called 'jewels' – more of this later. There are a number of categories, and the varieties can be bewildering for a new brother. The most common are 'breast jewels'; ie, worn on the left breast of the coat or jacket. Very rarely, you will see breast jewels worn on the right side of the coat. This would only happen on very special occasions, such as at a memorial service for a founding father of the lodge, when his son, also a Freemason, might wear his father's jewels for the ceremony. As in the Armed Services, the position proclaims that they do not belong to the wearer. He would never wear them on any normal Masonic occasion.

#### **Categories:**

##### **Past Masters' Jewels.**



These are produced to the individual design of the particular lodge, and range from very simple to very ornate. They are given to a Past Master of the lodge in recognition of his sterling service during his incumbency. The receipt of a PM's jewel is not a 'right', their award always being discretionary in the members. That having been said, it is uncommon for a PM not to receive one. If a brother has served more than once as WM of his lodge, then it is common for a 'bar' to be added to his original jewel, not to award a second jewel.

Past Master's Jewel, Sir Samuel Walker Griffith Lodge, No 408,UGLQ. Note 'Second Term' bar.

As dual membership is quite common, it is often the case that a brother is a PM of two, or even more, different lodges. Hence, it is not uncommon to see a PM with two, or even several, PM's jewels, as he will have been awarded one by each of the lodges where he has served that office.



A more ornate PM's jewel, awarded to VW Bro G Carter, PDGDC, by Mt Pleasant Lodge. Now the property of Bro Stuart Mitchell, of that lodge.

A still more ornate Past Master's jewel; that of Portal Lodge, No 444, UGLQ. Note the BBC school colours on the ribbon. See lodge bow tie, *post*. Note the jewel has the Masonic 5 pointed star, while the school crest has a 6 pointed star. See the lodge banner in *The Lodge Contents* (paper in this module of your kit)



Two things are observable: first, that all three jewels show an emblematic representation of Pythagoras' theorem: and second, that the latter two both have the PM's initials on the metal ribbon plaque – something that many lodges do to personalise the jewel for each individual past master. This is a very nice touch.

- **Charity Jewels**



The Life Governor's Jewel: the first in the series



The Life Vice-President's Jewel:  
No 2 in the series



The Life Vice-Patron's Jewel: No 3 in the series



The Life Patron's Jewel:  
The premier Charity Jewel

The traditional ribbon in Queensland is the older (darker) one. In the early nineties, a ruling was made that these jewels were supposed to have a 'scarlet' ribbon, and so the colour was changed.



North Queensland  
Aged Masons  
Homes Jewel

These jewels are quite common. They are mostly bestowed on members of a lodge in recognition of some exceptional service for the lodge. They are graded in value in the order illustrated. They are only available from the Board of Benevolence, on the donation by the lodge to the Aged Masons' Widows and Orphans' Fund of the fee at the

level for the particular jewel. The award of these jewels is considered a great honour, and they are highly prized and the source of great pride in the recipient. They demonstrate that the brother is esteemed by his brethren. On rare occasions, a brother is recognised direct by the Board of Benevolence for some truly exceptional effort or devotion in a particular charitable endeavour. The Life Patron's jewel is usually the one awarded, if this happens. The jewel takes pride of place over all others and is always worn nearest to the middle of the body, indicative of being 'nearest to the heart' of all the jewels.



At left is an example of a NSW Charity jewel. It should be appreciated that there are many, many different jewels of this generic type struck by various Grand Lodge jurisdictions for either specific or general fund raising ventures. This is a very attractive example of the type.



## The Hallstone Jewel



These jewels were introduced when the UGLQ was raising the funds to build the Ann Street Temple in the late 1920s. Many of the lodges then in existence managed to buy one (they were very expensive), and they are highly prized as an indication of the generosity of the lodge for that noble effort, and also as a reminder of the posterity of these old lodges. The jewel is always worn by the WM as a 'neck' jewel, ie, a collarette. Some lodges have made a practice over the years of attaching an engraved mini plaque on the suspension ribbon of their Hallstone jewel, with each PM's name and the year of his mastership on it. The very oldest lodges, if they do this, have truly spectacular ribbons, which look almost like metallic chains (Lamington and Duke of Leinster lodges spring to mind). See Appendix A.



The Hallstone Jewel (No 5) of Lamington No 110, UGLQ. Note Past Masters' plaques on the ribbon. At right, Wor Bro Greg Andrews, WM 2003-04





Wor Bro Lou Grimshaw, WM Duke of Leinster Lodge, No 8, UGLQ, one of the UGLQ's oldest lodges, wearing the lodge Hallstone Jewel with its spectacular display of PM's name plaques on the suspension ribbon. Note Duke of Leinster green lodge tie and pocket handkerchief

Incidentally, there are a number of Hallstone jewels around which formerly belonged to lodges which are now defunct. If they have come into the possession of Grand Lodge, they are available for other, newer, lodges to buy.

▪ **The Aged Masons' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Building Fund Jewel**



The standard jewel (left); the ribbon with bar for second quota (middle); the treble quota bar (right).

For lodges which don't have a Hallstone Jewel, this is one of the most prized jewels. It was originally struck as a fund-raiser for the building of the Masonic Homes at Sandgate. It is still available at a cost of \$10 per member. Furthermore, some lodges which have remained committed to the Homes, have been awarded a Bar to their original jewel upon the donation of a further \$10 per member. This jewel is worn invariably by the Wor. Master as a breast jewel, both in lodge and at suppers. It is handed to his successor at Installation.

- **Memorial Jewels**



Occasionally a lodge wishes to commemorate the career of a particularly devoted or famous brother who has rendered exceptional service to his lodge. When a much loved and admired brother has died ('passed to the Grand Lodge above'), the brethren of the lodge might pass a motion that the lodge procure a perpetual memorial jewel to be worn every meeting by the WM or some other officer. The jewel is handed on each year to the next brother in the wearer office on the night of installation. It will be worn by the designated brother at every meeting of the lodge in memory of the esteemed brother.

- **Service Jewels**

There are several categories of service jewels.

By far the most distinguished, and the rarest, are the Grand Master's awards for distinguished service to the craft in general, and to Masonic Benevolence. These, respectively, are the Order of Service to Masonry (OSM), and the Order of Service to Benevolence (OSB). They are the personal award of the current Grand Master. Both are worn as Collarettes, the OSM being suspended on a Garter-blue ribbon, and the OSB hanging on a scarlet ribbon. The

peculiarity of the OSM is that it is only awarded to Master Masons, Past Masters not being eligible. If you see a PM wearing one, you will know that he was installed as a lodge WM *after* he received his OSM. Notwithstanding their rarity, these will be seen occasionally around the lodges. Again they are a source of great pride for those brethren who have had their commitment and devotion so recognised.



The Order of Service  
to Masonry awarded to  
V Wor Bro Rev Ron  
Holt, Grand Chaplain



The Order of Service to  
Benevolence awarded to  
RW Bro Gil Rounsefell,  
PAGM.



The next most important service jewels are the Long Service jewels

The 50 Year Service Jewel:

This jewel is awarded by the Grand Lodge, and, along with the OSM & OSB may be worn with Grand Lodge regalia. It denotes 50 years of continuous membership of Freemasonry, and accordingly, is not intended to demonstrate any particular distinction as regards service to the Craft.



The 50 Year Jewel  
awarded to Bro  
RRM King, of Sir  
Samuel Walker  
Griffith Lodge No  
408, UGLQ

The 50, 60, and 70 Year  
Jewel presented to MW  
Bro JAR Thompson,  
PGM. Now in the UGLQ  
Museum. Note the added  
decade bars.



At the time of writing, there is one 80 Year jewel extant in Queensland, that held by RW Bro Ted Smout, PAGM, who is now over 106 years old.

The Grand Lodge also awards a 40 year jewel, but it is rarely bestowed.



A far more common type of service jewel is that bestowed by ordinary lodges on one of their brethren in recognition of long and distinguished service in the lodge.

These come in two common types, the 30 Year and the 40 Year, that matter being discernable by the shield on the jewel ribbon.



This is a standard Honorary Member's Jewel. The recognition of sterling service to the lodge by a non-member, or a particularly long-serving member, often occurs by the bestowal of Honorary Membership. However the presentation of the jewel to mark that recognition is, sadly, far less common than the conferral of the status.

- **Commemorative Jewels**

Over the years, the Grand Lodge has authorised and struck various jewels to commemorate significant Masonic events or milestones. They are commonly used as fund-raisers. Some examples appear below.



The Ann St Masonic Centre Temple Restoration Jewel. The earliest edition had the abbreviated ribbon, later jewels had the full ribbon, and the jewel at left (belonging to Viking Lodge, No 394, UGLQ) has second and third quota bars. Between the arms of the compasses on the medallion is a representation of the façade of the Temple.





Ipswich Temple  
Restoration Jewel



Ipswich Temple  
Restoration Jewel;  
note shield on ribbon  
variation – 2<sup>nd</sup> quota

These jewels are sprayed around fairly liberally by lodges as a token of esteem and affection for worthy brethren.



The UGLQ 75<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Jewel –  
Issued 1996



The Centenary Jewel of  
Fenwick Lodge No 68;  
established 1890



The Centenary  
Jewel of Prince  
Leopold Lodge,  
No 45, UGLQ,  
which meets in  
Gympie



The commemorative jewels struck by Loyalty Lodge, No 436, UGLQ to mark its 25<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries



A pretty rare find – The bi-centenary jewel of the Scottish Greenock St Johns Lodge, No 175, SC. Note the lodge was consecrated only 2 years after the arrival of the First Fleet in Port Jackson.



The Grand Lodge of Ireland celebrated its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2000, and struck this very attractive lapel badge for the festivities

- **Ladies**

When at some Masonic social functions, you will sometimes notice Masonic jewels and brooches worn by ladies. The most common by far, is the Widows' Brooch, awarded by lodges to widows of deceased brethren of that lodge. It is commonly called the 'broken column' brooch, and is a sign of respect for the support given by the widow to her deceased husband in his Masonic life. These are procured by the lodge from The Board of Benevolence.



A less commonly seen ladies decoration is the Board of Benevolence Volunteer Workers Brooch.



Many of our Masonic Care facilities throughout the State have Ladies' Auxiliaries which perform an enormous amount and variety of voluntary work.

These very highly regarded brooches go some small way towards recognising the years of devotion given by many Masonic (and non-Masonic) women, without whose efforts much necessary care for our aged and infirm just wouldn't be able to be given. Some examples of other Appreciation brooches are below.



The ladies appreciation brooches illustrated have all been awarded to Mrs Fay Rounsefell by the Board of Benevolence



A rather ornate and beautifully crafted Masonic brooch, a gift to Mrs Vince McAllen



A superb sterling silver Scottish combination Square & Compasses and clansman's belt brooch. Worn by either a lady or brother to secure the plaid.

The range and style of Masonic brooches, badges and jewellery is almost infinite. Universally, they show appreciation and affection.

Further, there is much Masonic jewellery available commercially, which finds a ready market with both Masonic ladies, and among brethren themselves. Below are shown two attractive pendants suitable for both brethren and ladies.



A gold pendant purchased in a jewellery store by a Queensland brother while holidaying in Gibraltar



A beautifully hand-crafted sterling silver pendant, the property of W Bro Michael Bishop, Scotia Lodge, No 263 UGLO.

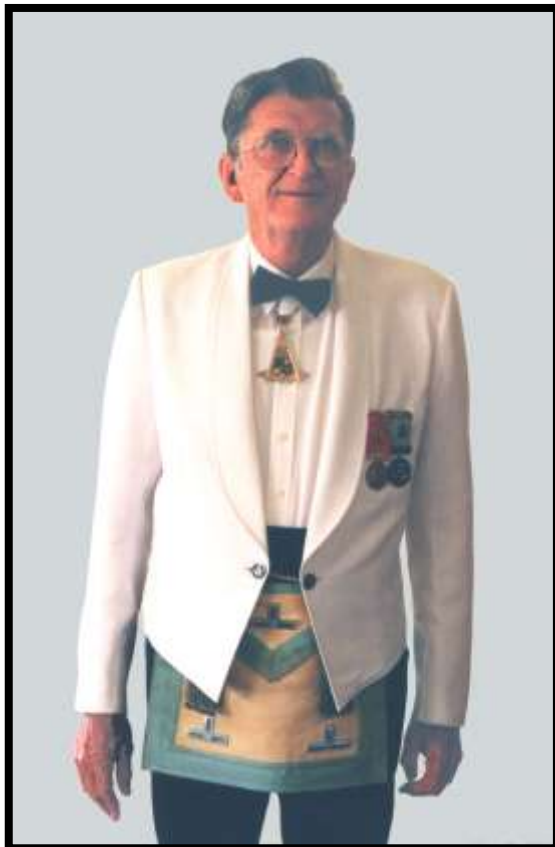


- **Special Rank Jewels**

These signify the Grand Lodge office served by a brother.

The Past Grand Masters' Collarette.

Sometimes you will be sitting in lodge with a brother who is wearing ordinary lodge regalia. A Past Grand Master is entitled to wear his Past GM's collarette while so attired, and it is rare for a Past GM not to do so, although my model, MW Bro Ian Smith, PGM, habitually does not wear his collarette, except when wearing Grand Regalia!



A past Grand Master is entitled to wear his collarette jewel with ordinary PM regalia



The Collarette of Grand Master

Past Grand Officers:

Past Grand rank is often conferred by the incumbent Grand Master on worthy brethren for contribution to the Masonic life. Holders of conferred rank are entitled to wear the same Grand Lodge regalia as that worn by brethren who have actually served a term in the particular office. While the rank, precedence and prerogatives of served and conferred Past Grand Officers are equal in every respect, it is often handy to know who has actually served. For this reason, the Board of General Purposes has approved breast jewels to be worn by brethren who have served a term in a Grand Office.



This is a collarette jewel of a Past Junior Grand Warden. This particular type of jewel is manufactured for NSW Past Grand Officers. Collarette jewels are NOT approved by UGLQ as indicating Qld Past served office, yet you will occasionally see one. The wearer will almost certainly be a NSW Past Grand Officer



The approved Past Senior Grand Warden's Jewel of UGLQ.  
The Property of RW Bro John France, PSGW

A curiosity is that a, say, Past Senior Grand Deacon (served) is entitled to wear the Past Grand Officers jewel pertaining to that rank. However, he may subsequently have had the rank of (say) Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies conferred on him by the Grand Master of the day. This entitles him to the appellation "Very Worshipful", yet the jewel he wears, being that of Past Senior Grand Deacon, would seem to indicate that he is only entitled to

the appellation “Worshipful”. The conferral of a Past Grand rank senior to that which he has actually served does not entitle him to wear the Past Grand Officer’s jewel of the higher conferred rank. The jewel entitlement goes with the actual service of the office. It should be recognised that these jewels are not worn with Grand Lodge regalia.

- **The Bursary Foundation Jewel**

This jewel was instituted in 1995 by the Board of General Purposes as part of the UGLQ 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. It is a fund-raiser for the Masonic Bursaries Scheme, and costs \$1,000. As is seen from the illustration, it is similar in style to the Hallstone Jewel, but it is not gold, and lacks the intrinsic value of the other. Lodges which have purchased one are often not old enough to have a Hallstone Jewel, and this jewel is a prestigious substitute.



The Bursary Foundation Jewel awarded to Sir Samuel Walker Griffith Lodge N0 408, UGLQ, now the property of Nil Sine Labore Lodge, No 423, UGLQ, having been donated to it by the members of ‘Sir Sam’ when surrendering its warrant on 31.12.2001

- **Other Order Jewels**

By a fairly recent ruling of the Board of General Purposes, brethren who are members of the Royal Arch Order and the Mark Master Masons Order have been given permission to wear their RA and Mark jewels in Queensland Craft lodges. Illustrated are some of the jewels you may see.



The jewel of a Mark Master Mason



The jewel of a Royal Arch Companion



Royal Arch Chapter – Past First Principal's Jewel



Cryptic Council – Past Thrice Illustrious Master's Jewel



- Curiosity jewels

Occasionally you will see a brother wearing a jewel which is not one of those of the types listed above. These fall into various categories, a couple of which are listed below.



Quatuor Coronati (Four Crowns)  
Lodge – Correspondence Circle  
member's Jewel



Quatuor Coronati - reverse

Quatuor Coronati Lodge No 2076 (United Grand Lodge of England) is the Premier Research Lodge in the world. Its Transactions are published in a periodical named *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum* which is distributed world-wide. There are over 100 volumes of published research papers, articles and learned theses.



The crest of Quatuor Coronati Lodge. Taken  
from the cover of Vol 92 of its Transactions

In some continental lodges, if a visitor from overseas is welcomed, they will make some sort of award to him, and this often takes the form of a breast jewel. I know where there is one, but unfortunately I have been unable to track down the owner, so as to illustrate it here.

Sometimes at a lodge festive board (but NEVER in lodge), you will see a novelty jewel, such as the Mt Pleasant Lodge “Valued Visitor’s Jewel”. This jewel arose out of the desire to attract visitors. The jewel with a green ribbon is awarded to brethren who visit Mt Pleasant on 5 occasions within any 12 month period. If a brother visits them on 10 occasions within 24 months, he gets the ‘Most Valued Visitor’ gold ribbon for his jewel. A wonderful idea!!



In recent times a practice has grown up for brethren to wear American style pendants. Illustrated are two varieties:



A Past Master collarette  
(Scottish working lodge)



A brother's collarette

If you see a brother wearing a jewel that you don't recognise, feel perfectly free to ask him what it is. You may be surprised at the story behind it!

- Lapel pins  
Some brethren, keen Freemasons, belong to many different Masonic Orders. Occasionally you will see a brother wearing on his coat lapel a number of different order miniatures. A montage of some is below.



Lapel miniatures of 18°, A & A Rite. Left – mini collar jewel of a Rose Croix member. Right – the Rose, the emblem of an Excellent and Perfect Prince Rose Croix

The Forget-me-not of the Grand Lodge of Germany. See Appendix C



The miniature lapel pins of the Order of the Secret Monitor. The tiny arrow is widely recognised



The Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. Left – Past Sovereign's jewel. Right – Worthy Knight's jewel



Left – the generic cross indicating the Knights Templar. Right – Lapel miniatures of the Great Priory of Queensland. On the left, the Knight's jewel; on the right, the Past Preceptor's jewel



Lapel miniature – Royal Order of Scotland



Badges of the Mark Master Mason. The Keystone has a special symbolic import in the Mark degree.



Mini lapel pins of the Royal Arch Order. Left – A companion's pin; right the pin of a Principal (officer) of the Chapter.

Lapel miniature of a Royal and Select Master. This is an American pin. In the US, the Cryptic Rite is worked in a Council of Royal and Select Masters. Here the Cryptic series of degrees are appendant degrees worked in a Council of Royal and Select Masters Royal held in a Royal Arch Chapter



- Souvenir badges

There is an amazing variety of pins, badges and jewellery which you will see both inside the lodge and in everyday life. American brethren particularly, are proud to wear Masonic rings, badges and pins. A few of this type of insignia are illustrated below:



A selection of badges given to RW Bro Richard King by Wor Bro Don Gillies, a member of both Rockyford and St Mark's Lodges in Alberta, Canada, on the occasion of a visit to William McLeod Lodge by Wor Bro Gillies on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2003. What a great, and inexpensive, way for him to promote his lodge in the course of his travels.



The lapel badge issued by UGLQ in 1996 to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. Designed by RW Bro Eric Summons, PSGW



A souvenir lapel badge produced by VW Bro Tony Ozanne, PAGSW, OZ Souvenirs, Hervey Bay, Q. Highly prized by foreign brethren



High quality lapel pins produced by Somers and Son Brisbane Q. A great memento for a travelling brother to give to overseas brethren

Fenwick Lodge, Manitoba Canada, 50 yr Souvenir Badge



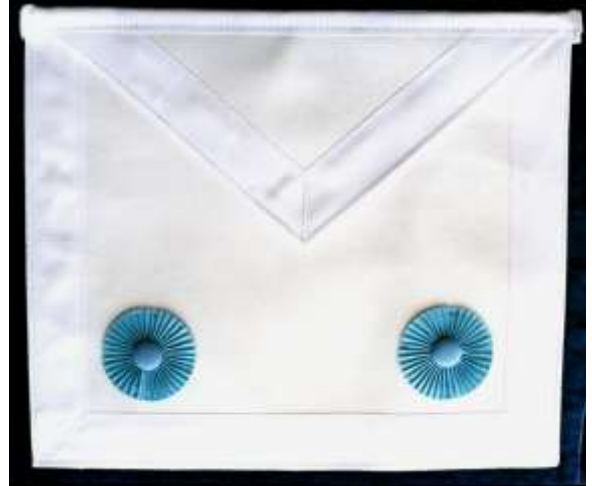
Gold Masonic cuff links, a gift from Bro I W (Bill) Hill, Lamington Lodge No 110, UGLQ, to RW Bro Richard King

## REGALIA

The Regalia worn by brethren refers primarily to the apron.



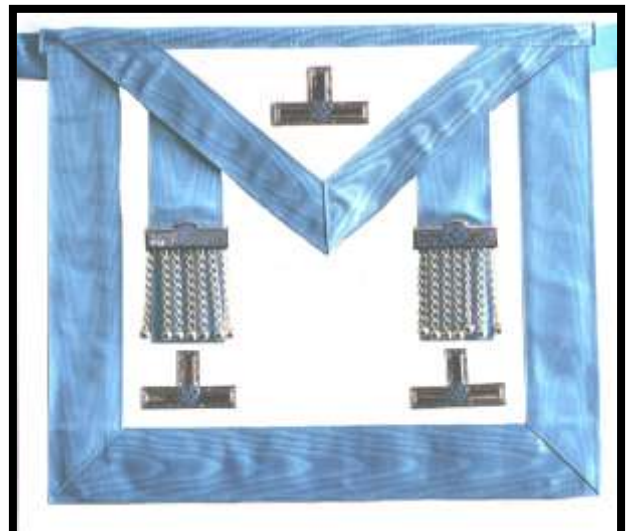
The apron of an  
Entered Apprentice  
Freemason



The apron of a Fellow  
Craft Freemason



The apron of a Master  
Mason



An Installed Master's apron.  
Note the replacement of the  
rosettes with emblems called  
taus – the emblems of an  
Installed Master

Lodge Officers also wear collars, to which are attached the emblem (the ‘jewel’) of their particular office. Refer to the book of Constitutions, Part 7, for the emblem pertaining to each lodge officers’ rank.

Also, from time to time, you will see brethren from lodges which work one of the several Scottish rituals wearing regalia quite different from the norm. Some Scottish-working lodges have regalia which is nearly the same as the UGLQ approved model, but some differ dramatically by the addition of tartan edging on the apron and tartan collars and gauntlets. Most Scottish lodge type aprons have a round, rather than pointed flap. See Appendix D for an exposition on apron design.



The Installed Master's apron worn in Morningside Lodge No 196 (a Scottish Ritual working Lodge) which differs markedly from the UGLQ models illustrated above



The Past Master's apron worn in Lodge St Andrew, No 6, UGLQ. Note the embroidered flap. The significance of the embroidered symbols will be explained by reference to Appendix B



The Installed Master's apron of Caledonian Lodge No 14, UGLQ



The Installed Master's apron of Lodge Tullibardine, No 227, UGLQ. Note flap emblems in metal, rather than embroidery Cf St Andrew, above





Left: The apron of St John's Davenport Lodge, No 33, UGLQ, Charters Towers, Qld. This is one of only 2 UGLQ lodges which wear 'red aprons', the other being Cunningham No 90 (Master Mason's apron, above Right), which meets in Warwick on the Darling Downs. The Grand Stewards' lodges, meeting under UGLE, wear red lined aprons, and are known as 'Red Apron Lodges'. See *Gould's History of Freemasonry*, 1951, Vol III, p. 98. Note the metal flap emblem on the left, and the bullion embroidery on the flap at right.



The Past Master's apron of the former Milton of Torwood Lodge, No 138, UGLQ (now defunct).



The Master Mason's apron of Mt Chalmers Lodge, No 184, UGLQ

There are now four UGLQ lodges which wear green lined aprons. They are Mt Morgan, No 57, Mt Chalmers, No 184, Douglas, No 36, and Athelstane, No 35. All are former Scottish lodges, which still work their former Scottish rituals. Reference to *Gould* (op cit) (pp166 & 174), reveals that the green edging is the colour worn by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, whence these lodges derived their green aprons. Note the different flap emblems on the aprons illustrated. Note also that the flap emblem on the MM's apron will change to that appearing at left when he is installed as Master of his lodge. That is, the square and compasses flap emblem is only worn by Master Masons.



Brother Trevor Green, SW, Mt Pleasant Lodge No 361, UGLQ. Note: Correct summer dress, SW emblems (collar jewel and gauntlets), official name badge, Life Governor's jewel, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary jewel, and Mt Pleasant bow tie. A very well presented brother.



VW Bro Ted Sharp wearing the regalia of Senior Warden of Caledonian Lodge. Note PM's apron. If he were not a Past Master, the apron would show rosettes, not taus.



VW Bro Ted Sharp wearing the regalia of a Past Master of Caledonian Lodge. Note apron worn under the coat, in the Scottish lodge manner

These various departure from the standards laid down in the Constitutions (Parts 5 & 6) is explained by reference to the Book of Constitutions. There, on the very first pages of the copy you received at your Initiation, you will see set out the Articles of Union agreed to by all those lodges which joined together to form the new United Grand Lodge of Queensland. The Scottish and Irish lodges coming into the union were allowed to keep both their previous regalia and ritual workings.



## Grand Lodge Regalia

All Grand Officers are entitled to wear the regalia of their rank. The precedence of the various ranks is set out in the Book of Constitutions. Grand Masters, Past GMs, and Deputy and Assistant and Past Deputy and Assistant Grand Masters all wear chains, gauntlets and aprons, while lower ranked Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers wear collars in place of the chain. Various illustrations of Grand regalia appear below.



A UGLQ Grand Master's  
apron



The apron worn by all Grand Officers, UGLQ, below the rank of Past Assistant Grand Master.



The generic gauntlets worn by all Grand Officers below the rank of PAGM



The collar worn by all Grand Officers below the rank of Past Assistant Grand Master. Note the 'Ear of Corn' on the right of the collar, and the 'Sprig of Acacia' on the left. The rank jewel shown is that of Junior Grand Warden. Each rank has a different jewel – See Constitutions.

A common sight in a lodge working a degree ceremony is a Grand Officer (The Assistant Grand Superintendent of Workings – commonly called the lodge AGSW). If he is there officially - and he is not supposed to visit any of his allocated lodges except officially – then he will be wearing the Grand Lodge regalia of his office.



VW Bro Ted Sharp, AGSW, District 17, wearing (L) summer dress, & (R) formal winter dress

Descriptions of Grand regalia are also contained in the Book of Constitutions. If you make it your business to attend Lodge Installation ceremonies, you stand a fair chance of observing a Grand Team, all in Grand regalia. The leader of the team will be either the Grand Master himself, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Assistant Grand Master. In the absence of one or other of these senior Grand Officers, a team will be led by a senior Past Grand Officer, almost always a PDGM or a PAGM.

At Installation meetings where Grand Lodge is not in attendance, you may still see quite a few brethren wearing Grand Lodge regalia. Most Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers like to get some use out of their Grand regalia, and special occasions, such as Installations, afford the ideal opportunity. Just to confuse you further, many



Past Grand Officers eschew the unnecessary wearing of their Grand regalia, except at Grand Communications and when on a Grand Lodge Team. So you may be sitting between two Past Junior Grand Wardens, one wearing a plain lodge PM's apron and one wearing the full kit of Grand regalia!

It is a rule that there is nothing to distinguish the regalia between a served or conferred Past Grand Officer. However, there is a marked difference at the PDGM and PAGM levels. If a PDGM or PAGM has actually served the office, then you will note that his chain jewel has a 'star outline' between the arms of the compasses, and further that his gauntlets will have the representation of the 5-pointed star embroidered on them, again, between the arms of the compasses.



The gauntlets and collar emblem of a PAGM or PDGM – conferred rank



The gauntlets and collar jewel of a PAGM or PDGM – served rank. Note the 5-pointed star



The Gauntlets & Chain Jewel of a Past Grand Master. Note the different emblem and the arc instead of the square

Occasionally, an interstate or overseas visitor will attend a local lodge, and according to convention, he is permitted to wear his home lodge regalia. You may therefore see some pretty outré gear, such as sashes and the like.

It is not the rule that other Masonic Orders wear their regalia at a Craft lodge meeting, but at Grand Communications you will see the Most Excellent First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland and his Grand Chapter Officers attired in their Royal Arch regalia. Also, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Queensland, and his Grand Mark Officers, wearing the Grand Lodge regalia of that Order, will usually be in attendance. The reason for this is explained in the Book of Constitutions at Part 1, Division 1.

### **CLOTHING**

Masonic dress codes are relatively strict. The Constitution makes provision for “Proper clothing” at Part 5, Division 1. The Board of General Purposes has, from time to time, made rulings and defined what it considers to be “proper clothing”. It is a basic tenet of the Craft that standards in all areas are kept high, and for this reason it is unlikely that our dress codes will be relaxed. It is unnecessary to go into the technicalities of dress rulings here. Suffice it to say that there are three basic models:

#### ◆ Summer dress



Three brethren very well turned out in summer dress: VW Bro Ted Sharp, AGSW, District 17, Brother Andrew Gillespie, and Wor Bro Len Gillespie, Moorooka Lodge, on the occasion of Bro Gillespie's raising. Note proper summer dress at each level – MM, PM and Grand Officer. Note also that Bro Gillespie is holding a VSL and ritual book, both presented to him by the lodge.



◆ Winter dress



L – R: Bro Christopher Mason, FC, Redlands Lodge No 252, and Bros Mike Boland & Paul Felvus, EAs of Mt Pleasant Lodge No 361. Note: Official name badges, aprons correctly worn in the UGLQ fashion (outside the coat), the lodge bow ties, and correct winter dress. A credit to their respective lodges

◆ Formal winter dress

All Grand Officers wear formal winter dress during the period 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> August each year when part of a ceremonial team or when attending a Communication of Grand Lodge. This comprises a tail suit of evening wear, (in general society, called 'white tie') but it is the ruling of Grand Lodge that an ordinary white shirt with a fold down collar is to be worn in place of the wing collar, bib fronted shirt and white waistcoat. The pragmatic reason is that laundry cost and inconvenience to busy Grand Officers would be prohibitive. It is uncommon, but not prohibited, for brethren wearing Craft regalia to wear tails. Below are several photographs illustrating Masonic formal winter wear.



L – R: Wor Bro Alistair Kennedy, Grand Steward, Wor Bro Bert Phin, Grand Steward, and Wor Bro Don Barry, Grand Sword Bearer, on the occasion of an official Grand Lodge ceremonial team visit to Redcliffe First Settlement Lodge, No 287, UGLQ. Three very well presented Grand Officers attired in Masonic formal winter dress.



MW Bro Ian Smith, PGM,  
immaculately wearing  
winter formal dress

Below: RW Bro Bob  
Grimmer, PSGW, RW Bro  
Gil Rounsefell, OSB, PAGM,  
and RW Bro Noel Heiner,  
PAGM, on the occasion of an  
official Grand Lodge visit to  
Caloundra Lodge, No 387,  
UGLQ.



◆ Lodge Ties

An area regarding dress rules which is slightly contentious is the wearing of bow ties other than in black. From time to time there is a minor pogrom about them, but they persist, and although technically, they might not be correct, there seems a general reluctance among Masonic authorities to forbid their use. Below are some examples commonly seen around the lodges:



Redlands Lodge No 252  
UGLQ



Myora Lodge No 517  
UGLQ



Mt Pleasant Lodge No 361,  
UGLQ



Caledonian Lodge No 14,  
UGLQ



William McLeod Lodge  
No 241 UGLQ



Duke of Leinster No 8  
UGLQ





Portal Lodge, No 444, UGLQ. The colours are those of the GPS school, Brisbane Boys' College, from which the lodge derived its origin.



Kianawah Lodge, No 450  
UGLQ



Caboolture Lodge, No 266  
UGLQ



The tie adopted by Loyalty Lodge, No 436, UGLQ for its golden jubilee year – 2004-5. A spectacular initiative.



Lodge St Andrew, No 6  
UGLQ



Yeronga Lodge, No 246, UGLQ. The 'Queensland Hunting' tartan.



It is curious to note that there can be quite heated discussions and strong differences of opinion regarding the adoption by various lodges of special ties such as those illustrated. We all try to inspire a sense of pride of being Freemasons in all our members, and yet, when individual lodges try to inspire the same pride of belonging to their lodge by this particular means, all sorts of argument is raised as to why they should not do so. It seems petty in the extreme to want to deny lodges this amenity, and utterly stupid, in a wider sense, to insist that we all aspire to be exactly the same. One would think that pride in one's own lodge is to be strongly encouraged, and if that can in part be achieved by the adoption of a lodge tie, then there seems no logical reason for disagreeing with the practice. This is especially so where there is no loss of decorum, lowering of standards, or harm to the Craft in doing so. I think they are a great idea, valuable, if for no other reason, in doing away with drabness!

#### Appendices

- A. [The Hallstone Jewel](#)
- B. [The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars](#)
- C. [The Forget-me-not](#)
- D. [The Masonic Apron](#)

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