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&
DRESS CODE SPECIFICATION**

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Preface & General Notes

Recognizing a dire need for dress code standardization within the jurisdiction, I have found it imperative to produce a regalia guide and dress code specifications which will be used to educate the Craft on what can and cannot be worn as regalia and masonic dress in the Jurisdiction of Texas. Anything other than what is described within this guide as appropriate is **not authorized** by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and is hereby strictly prohibited. Strict adherence to this guide/specification is required by all beholding to this jurisdiction.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally Yours,

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General Notes:

Per the June 1, 2016, Constitution Article XXII Section 1(b) of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas this regalia guide complies with the guidance therein and was adopted for use at the 144th Grand Communication.

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Brother Regalia



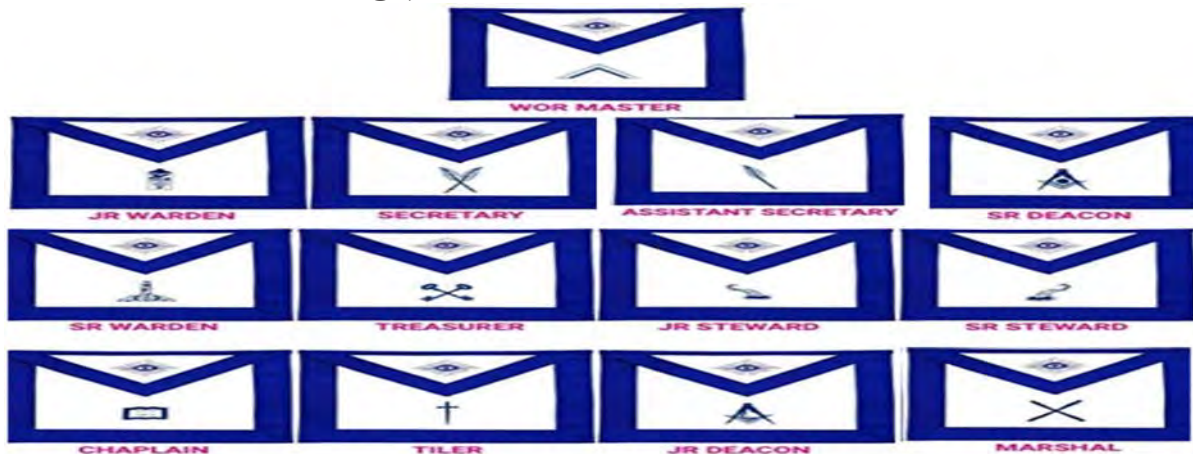
Brothers are to wear a white cloth, satin or lambskin apron with or without blue trim. White/Silver accents are allowed. The all-seeing eye is on the bib and the masonic emblem is on the body. The apron may be worn with or without fringe. **(A wreath surrounding the masonic emblem, Purple or Gold coloring is not allowed as these are Grand Lodge officer colors and emblem. Aprons shall only include Blue/White/Silver Coloring.)**

Subordinate Lodge Officers Regalia

Apron

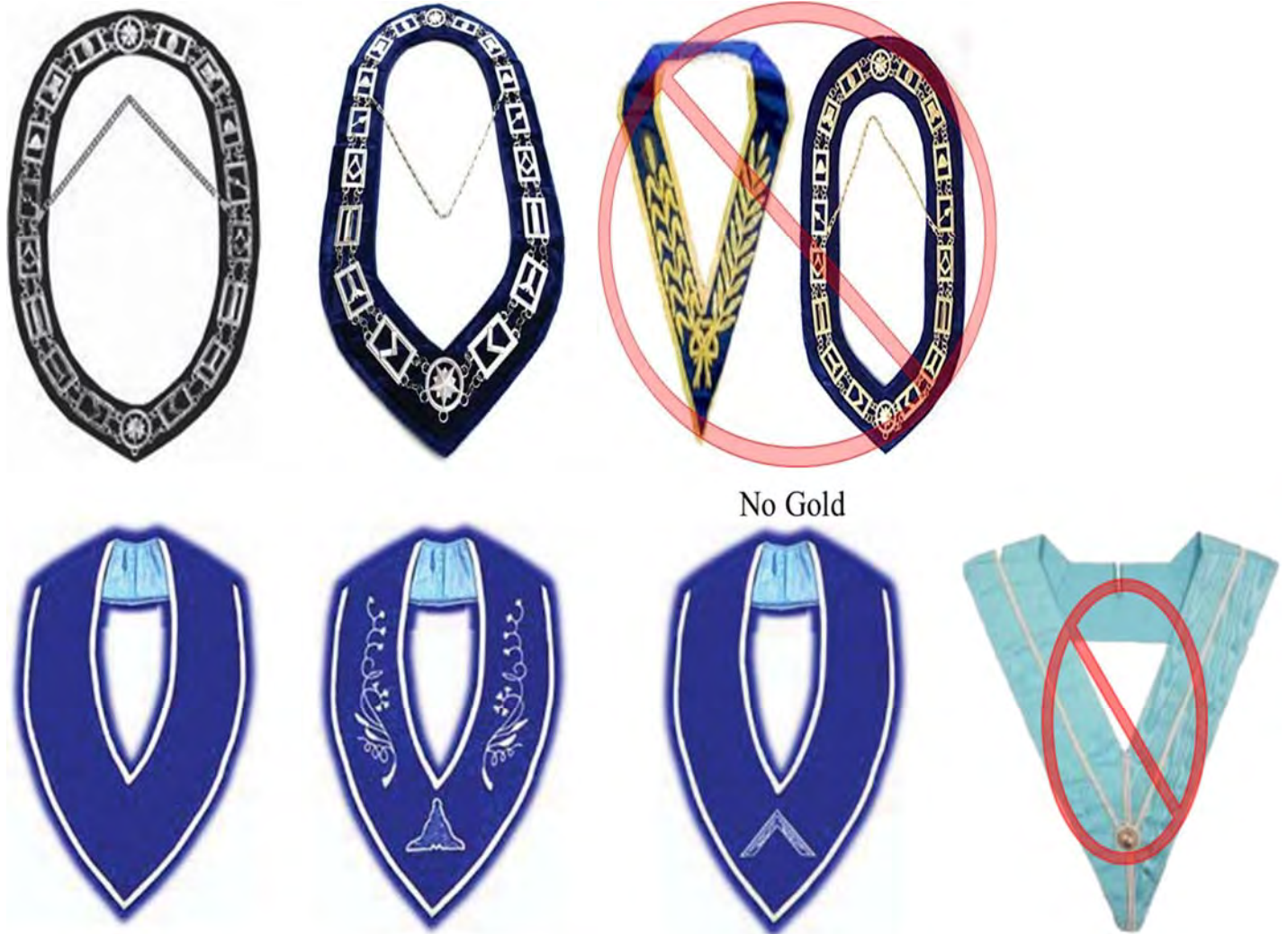


Subordinate Lodge Officers are to wear a white cloth, satin or lambskin apron with or without blue trim. The all-seeing eye is on the bib and the masonic emblem is on the body or the emblem of their office. The apron may be worn with or without fringe. **(No Wreath under emblem or Gold or Purple Coloring. Blue & White/Silver is the color of a blue masonic lodge.)**



Alternatively, Subordinate Lodge Officers elected & appointed may also wear officer aprons which are white cloth, satin or lambskin apron with or without blue trim. The all-seeing eye is on the bib and the emblem of office is on the body. Additionally, the lodge name & number (only) may be included on officer apron flap if inscribed below the all-seeing eye. This only applies to officer aprons and not individual brother aprons The apron may be worn with or without fringe. **(No wreath & No gold coloring. Blue & White/Silver is the color of a blue masonic lodge)**

Officers Collar



Subordinate Lodge Officers are to wear a blue, velvet collar with white or silver trim with the jewel of office embroidered on the collar or silver jewel suspended from it. The collar may be worn with or without fringe, braiding or rhinestone trim. **No gold embroidered or gold plated collars including trim/fringe allowed.**

Worshipful Master Regalia

The Worshipful Master is to wear a silver square. The jewel shall only be silver plated on a blue velvetbacking. No gold-plated collars.

Jewel



No Gold

Apron



Worshipful Masters are to wear a white cloth, satin or lambskin apron with or without blue trim. The all-seeing eye is on the bib and a masonic emblem or square is on the body. The apron may be worn with or without fringe. **(No Wreath or Gold Coloring or other colors other than Blue/White/Silver).** **Additionally, a worshipful master is only allowed to wear the emblem of a past master after he has passed the chair in the east. When presiding in the east a wm jewel is to be worn.**

Collar



Worshipful Masters are to wear a silver-plated metal collar on blue velvet backing with a silver-plated square suspended. **No Gold-Plated collars or trim.**

Alternative Collar



Worshipful Masters may also wear a blue, velvet collar with white or silver trim. The emblem of the office the square can either be embroidered on the collar or a silver-plated square suspended from it. The collar may be worn with or without fringe, braiding or rhinestone trim. **No Gold-embroidered collars or trim/fringe.**

WM Cover/Hat



Worshipful Masters are to wear a black top hat, derby, stetson, fedora, homburg or a very similar covering. (No baseball caps or flat cap hat “kangol” hats).

Actual Past Master Regalia

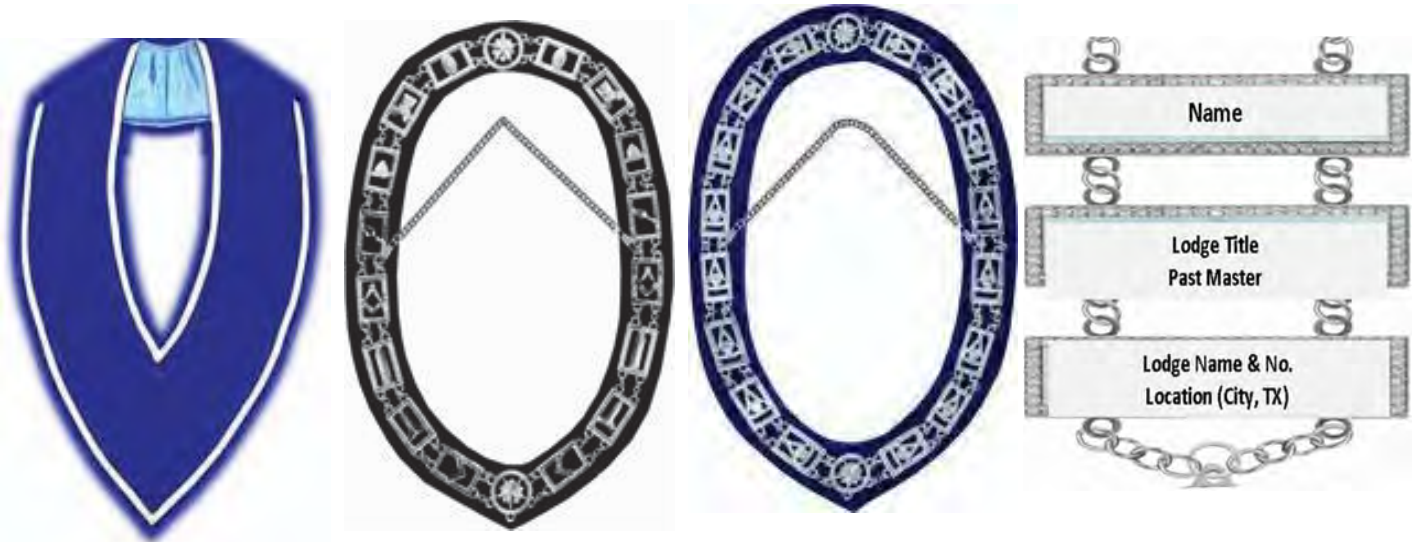
Apron



No Gold or Wreath

Worshipful masters whom have passed the chair and are now actual past masters are to wear a white cloth, satin or lambskin apron with or without blue trim. The all-seeing eye is on the bib and a masonic emblem or Past Master emblem (compass, square, sun and quadrant) is located on the body. The aprons may be worn with or without fringe. It is acceptable for an actual Past Master to wear the emblem of an Honorary Past Master as illustrated within the Honorary Past Masters section however, it is not preferred. (No wreath around the emblem or Gold Coloring). **Note:** The past master emblem is only to be worn by a brother once he has passed the chair and is no longer presiding in the East.

Collar & Title Bar



Actual Past Masters shall wear a blue, velvet collar with white or silver trim with a Past Master emblem (compass, square, sun and quadrant) embroidered on or suspended from the collar. The collar may be worn with or without fringe, braiding or rhinestone trim. It is acceptable for an Actual Past Master to wear the emblem of an Honorary Past Master, however not preferred. Gold plated metal collars are not to be worn. (No Wreath, Purple, or Gold Coloring). Title bars are optional.

Jewel



No Gold

Honorary Past Master Regalia

Apron



No Gold or Wreath. The Quadrant ONLY without the Square

Honorary Past Masters are to wear a white cloth, satin or lambskin apron with or without blue trim. The all-seeing eye is on the bib and a masonic emblem or honorary past masters emblem (compass, sun & quadrant - no square) is on the body. The aprons may be worn with or without fringe. **(No wreath or Gold Coloring)**.

Collar & Title Bar



It's understandable that PM Collars are not readily available without the square. Therefore, the standard Actual PM collar is acceptable when worn with the Hon. PM jewel.

Honorary Past Masters are to wear a blue, velvet collar with white or silver trim with or without the honorary Past Masters emblem (compass, sun & quadrant – no square) embroidered on or suspended from it. The collar may be worn with or without fringe. If a title bar is worn, it should indicate Honorary Past Master indicating a brothers' honorary status. *“The square which is an emblem of a Worshipful Master is only included as part of the Past Master Jewel when a brother has actually presided in the East/Chair.”* **(No Wreath, Square, Gold Plated Collars, Purple or Gold Coloring allowed)**. Title bars are optional, but if worn should indicate a brothers' title.

Jewel



Silver jewel with the compass and quadrant only. No Square.



No Gold

Grand Lodge Officers Regalia

Apron



Level



Grand Lodge Officers are to wear a velvet and satin, velvet and lambskin or all satin apron. The apron must have a purple bib and border with gold trim, fringe (optional) and an all-seeing eye on. The Grand Lodge past master emblem (with square and quadrant) or the emblem of their office within a wreath must be on the body of the apron. The use of the level can only be worn on the body of the apron. It is not allowed on the bib in place of the all-seeing eye.

Collar



Optional Texas State Emblem

Jewel



Grand Lodge Honorary PM Jewel



Grand Lodge Actual PM Jewel



Example of Grand Lodge Officer Jewel

Grand Lodge Officers are to wear a gold-plated metal collar on purple velvet backing with their grand lodge officers jewel suspended from it. Grand Lodge Officers, whose offices do not have specific jewels, will wear the Grand Lodge Actual or Honorary Past Master as illustrated above based on the past master degree/certificate received. Elected grand lodge officers including district deputies are allowed to wear the Texas State emblem attached to their collar as illustrated above. SDDGMs or other appointed GL officers are no permitted to wear the Texas star.

Past Grand Lodge Officers Regalia

Apron



Jewel



Grand Lodge
Actual PM Jewel

Grand Lodge
Honorary PM Jewel

Past Grand Lodge Officers are to wear a velvet and satin, velvet and lambskin or all satin apron. The apron must have a purple bib and border with gold trim, fringe, and an all-seeing eye on the bib. The Grand Lodge Past Master emblem (with square and quadrant) within a wreath must be on the body of the apron. The use of the level is only allowed to be worn on the body of the apron. It is not allowed on the bib in place of the all-seeing eye.

Collar



Optional Texas State Emblem



Past Grand Lodge Officers are to wear a gold-plated metal collar on purple velvet backing with the Grand Lodge Actual or Honorary Past Master jewel as illustrated above based on the past master degree/certificate received. The collar can be worn with or without fringe, braiding or rhinestone trim. Previously elected grand lodge officers including past district deputies, are allowed to wear the Texas State emblem attached to their collar as illustrated above.

Grand Master Regalia

Apron



Radiant Sun



Radiant All Seeing-Eye

ONLY the Grand Master may wear an apron adorned with a Radiant Sun or a Radiant All-Seeing Eye on the body inscribe Grand Master or Use the level on the body as well as the bib of the apron in place of the all-seeing eye.

Collar



Texas State Emblem

Jewel



Grand Master is to wear gold-plated metal collar on purple velvet backing with the All-Seeing Radiant Eye surrounded by a wreath inscribed with Grand Master. The collar should include the Texas State emblem.

Cuffs

Only a brother with the title of Actual Grand Master present or past is permitted to wear cuffs. When cuffs are inscribed/embroidered with the title, Grand Master should be included.



Actual Past Grand Master Regalia

Apron



Radiant All-Seeing Eye.
Emblem should be inscribed as
Past Grand Master

Actual Past Grand Masters may wear an apron adorned with an Radiant All-Seeing Eye on the body embroidered with the title Past Grand Master or an apron as listed under the Past Grand Lodge Officers Regalia.

Collar & Jewel



Texas State Emblem

Actual Past Grand Masters are to wear gold-plated metal collar on purple velvet backing with the All-Seeing Radiant Eye surrounded by a wreath inscribed with Past Grand Master. The collar should include the Texas State emblem.

Cuffs

Only brothers with the actual title of Grand Master present or past can wear cuffs.



If embroidered with the title, Past Grand Master should be included.

Honorary Past Grand Master Regalia

Apron



Honorary Past Grand Masters are to wear an apron as listed and explained under the Past Grand Lodge Officers Regalia.

Collar & Jewel



Honorary Grand Masters are to wear a gold-plated metal collar on purple velvet backing with the Grand Lodge PM Jewel. No Texas state emblem is allowed unless the HPGM is/was an elected grand lodge officer or appointed DDGM as explained under the “Grand Lodge Officers Regalia” section of this guide.

Cuffs

Only brothers with the title of Actual Grand Master present or past can wear cuffs. *Honorary Grand Master are not allowed to wear cuffs.*



Wreaths



Wreaths on masonic regalia are **only to be worn** by present or past grand lodge officers. Brothers not beholding to this title should not have wreaths on their aprons, jewels, gloves, lapel pins, etc.

Supplemental Grand Lodge Emblem



When available the Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master may wear the Radiant All-Seeing Eye as a Jewel or emblem on their apron as illustrated above instead of the Grand Lodge PM Jewel if it's inscribed with their respective title. Special District Deputies are not allowed to wear the supplemental emblem as an emblem of their office. *SDDGMs must wear the GL PM emblem on their apron and as a jewel and should include a title bar listing their title of Special District Deputy.*

Funeral and Lodge of Sorrow Dress



All brothers are to wear a plain all-white cloth, satin or lambskin apron with plain white gloves (no emblem). *White on white embroidered emblems are not allowed.* A sprig of acacia or evergreen may be worn on the left breast. Also, a badge of mourning may be worn. **No collars or lapel pins are to be worn.**

Gloves

Examples Only



All gloves shall be white. Plain white cotton gloves are appropriate for all masonic functions. When worn with a masonic emblem, the color of the emblem must match those of the apron and collar. (i.e. blue/white/silver local lodges or purple/gold for grand lodge). It is also acceptable for the gloves to contain the emblem of a brothers' current office/position being held (i.e. gloves can contain the square, level, or other local lodge / grand lodge officers' emblem) as long as the appropriate color scheme if available is used. **Black or other colored gloves other than white are not to be worn.**

Items Specifically Prohibited

The following items are specifically NOT to be worn in the Jurisdiction of Texas. This list is not all inclusive.



1. Crowns, skull caps, and cuffs are not to be worn by Worshipful Masters, Past Masters or any other local lodge officer.
2. Purple and gold aprons and gold-plated collars are not to be worn by Worshipful Masters, Past Masters or any brother not beholding to a Grand Lodge position.
3. Earrings are not to be worn, during an open lodge or while representing the lodge in public.

4. Shorts are not to be worn during an open lodge meeting.
5. The letter “G”, square and compass or lodge number are not to be on the bib of the apron. Only the all-seeing eye is to be on the bib. *See “Subordinate Lodge Officers Aprons” for allowance.*
6. Aprons with skulls and crossbones, hour glasses, scales, coffins, winding staircases, mosaic pavements, indented tessels, temples, etc. are not to be worn.

Regalia Dress Clarifications

Aprons are to be square in shape with a standard typical dimension of 13 x 15 inches or 14 x 16 inches. The appropriate emblem and decorative vine work as well as the working tools and pillars are allowed; however, the **Inclusion of Gold or Purple or other coloring on the body of the apron is prohibited.**

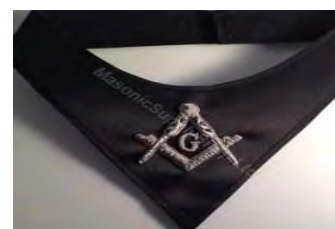


Other Coloring Red, Silver, etc as Primary coloring outside the approved color scheme.

Note: It is recognized that some apron manufactures include red threading around the all seeing eye. Although not preferred, this is acceptable. The intent is to limit the use of other colors used in excess or deemed outside the color scheme. Especially when used as the primary coloring which blatantly stand out.

The official full masonic dress of a Texas PHA Master Mason is a solid black suit (no large noticeable pinstriping or black on black embossing), white shirt, solid black bowtie (preferred), solid black shoes (no spats), black socks, approved apron and white gloves. A solid black straight tie or masonic square cravat tie is allowed as an alternative. Western style bolo ties are unacceptable. Masonic casual dress for meetings and other events will be at the WM discretion (*i.e. lodge polo, lodge dickie shirts, slacks/khakis, jeans or potentially ACUs for active duty military, etc*). When in doubt consultation with your DDGM is always suggested.

Example of Full Masonic Dress



Black Cravat Tie embroidered in White or silver allowed. No Gold/Blue

- 1) If a Brother elects to wear gloves with an emblem, then the appropriate emblem and associated color must be used. Emblems of a brothers office or title is allowed on the gloves.
- 2) An all-white cloth, satin or lambskin apron is always appropriate for masonic dress.
- 3) If a brother elects, he may wear approved medallions as sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.



(i.e. official Past Master medal, Grand Lodge officer medal & other ancient craft related ribbons – like grand lodge representatives ribbons, etc.) at masonic events when appropriate.

- 4) Collars can be adorned with braiding or rhinestone trim if desired. However, the use of additional decorations such as gems, sequined borders, etc for the purpose of “BLINGING” out a collar or jewel is forbidden.



- 5) Title bars matching in silver for blue house and gold for GL are also allowed if a brother chooses but are not required as they are optional.

a) A limit of no more than 3 title bars are allowed (preferably 2).

b) The engraving should consist of no more than the following:

i) **Brothers Name**

ii) **Lodge Title or GL Title**

- Note: The title used should correspond to the highest title obtained & associated with the type of collar worn. Example:

(a) (i.e. WM, PM, SW, etc. – correlates to title worn on a local lodge blue collar)

(b)(i.e. Grand Master, Deputy GM, DDGM, etc. – correlates to a purple collar)

- *Meaning Grand Lodge titles should be on GL collars and Local Lodge titles on local blue house collars.*
- *In the case were a brother no longer holds a grand lodge position the title bar should be removed or updated with, Past Grand Master, Past DDGM, Past SDDGM, etc signifying a brothers current status.*

iii) **Lodge Name, Lodge No. or GL Abbreviation (MWPHGLOTX).**

c) Location is Optional.

d) All of the information above can be consolidated onto 1 or 2 title bars vs. 3.

e) Only Grand Lodge Collars, Jewels & Title Bars are allowed to be gold.



6) Gold Jewels shall always be worn with the appropriate purple and gold GL apron as approved and never with a blue & white apron.

7) Aprons which are altered and adorned with sequined trim or reflective borders other than embroidery/fringes are forbidden. This excludes standard satin trim around aprons which can appear shiny due to the material which is allowed.



8) Specialty commissioned aprons by this Grand Lodge may be worn when sanctioned & approved. All aprons must comply with approved color scheme and be in good taste. For clarifications contact the “Committee on Regalia Standards and Uniformity”.



9) Shoulder bows on collars are permitted to be worn by all current or previously elected Grand Lodge Officers as well as all current or previously appointed District Deputy Grand Masters only. All other appointed Grand Lodge positions are not permitted to wear shoulder collar bows.



10) Any Grand Lodge officer who is elected into a principal seat (WM, SW or JW) within their local lodge shall only wear “Subordinate Lodge Officers” regalia consisting of (blue/white/silver) coloring until such time as they are no longer a principal officer and can once again wear grand lodge regalia colors of purple/gold.

11) Grand Officers Jewels. Jewels are to be gold in color. Variation in coloring below if due to available image:



Grandfather Clause & Timeline

The purpose of this regalia guide is to ensure dress standardization within the jurisdiction of Texas. It is not meant to bring financial hardship onto any brother by forcing any individual brother to purchase new regalia. However, upon the close of the 144th Annual Grand Communication (June 23, 2019) the following time-line for compliance applies:

1. All brothers 65 years or older as of July 2019 shall become fully compliant with this guide prior to the start of the 2020 Annual Grand Communication, unless granted permission/dispensation by the Grand Master on a case by case basis.
2. All brothers under the age of 65 shall become fully compliant with this guide no later than March 31, 2020.
3. All currently elected and appointed "Local & Grand Lodge" officers regardless of age shall become fully compliant before the start of the Mid-Winter Session 2019.