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Decision of the Grand Master

Inasmuch as there is a growing concern in regard to the use of various aprons used in and by the lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado, I, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado have rendered a decision. This issue has been addressed as early as 1892 and as recently as 1994. There are clear and concise rules and accepted protocol on this issue. Therefore, this decision of the Grand Master has much and varying support from the archives and past practices of the brethren in this jurisdiction. The apron presentation ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree clearly describes the apron as approved for all Masons of this Jurisdiction. The Book of Forms as last printed on April 8, 2009, approved by the Grand Lecturer with the assistance and recommendations of the Custodians of the Work Committee, also clearly defines the aprons approved for use by Colorado Masons on page 9, Clothing; Aprons.

Therefore, it is the decision of this Grand Master that only aprons as approved by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado be worn by the Masons of this Jurisdiction.

Approved aprons include:

- A. Those aprons worn by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, including past Grand Lodge officers and District Lecturers whose aprons are ... (plain white aprons with the Seal of the Grand Lodge attached to the center of the flap portion of the apron).
- B. Past Master Aprons when approved for use by the lodge in which the Brother served as Master (plain white apron with the emblem of a Past Master attached to the center of the flap portion of the apron).
- C. Plain white and unadorned aprons as described in the aforementioned Book of Forms.

Whereas no other aprons have been approved for use in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado, there are to be no other aprons in use by the brethren of this jurisdiction until such time as the brethren of this jurisdiction take the necessary action to change these rules, should they choose.

Fraternally,

MWB Brian L. Cotter, Grand Master

Approved Colorado Apron is Plain White Unadorned

Exceptions to the rule:

Grand Lodge Apron: Plain white leather apron with gold embroidery of each office Past Masters Apron: Plain white apron with the Past Master Badge either location shown

District Lecturer Apron: Plain white apron with the District Lecturer Badge either location shown

