

The Masons' Apron

The first Apron you had, was the skin of a Lamb,
Pure and white and new,
it typified friendship and innocence,
an honourable Apron for you.

Then soon, it was time to divest you of that
as you passed to the Second Degree.
An Apron adorned now, with two blue rosettes,
On a Craftsman, for Masons to see.

Your studies extended to Nature and Science.
You wished that the days would then hasten,
to bring you that last, greatest trial of all
and the Apron of a full Master Mason.

Look at it now its white and it's blue
there's two tassels with chains, but why?
count those chains, you'll find there are 7
and to explain them more, I will try.

The tassels represent the tassels that tied
the aprons of Masons of old.
two were the columns that stood at the Porch
of King Solomon's Temple we're told

The seven chains attached to each Tassel,
The number of Stars You see here (points to the 1st Degree Tracing Board)
The Number of Masons to make a Lodge perfect,
The Chains have a meaning, that's clear.

7 spheres on the end, 7 planets they knew.
Mercury, Venus, Earth to sustain us
and in the night sky, beyond earth's orbit,
Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus.

They could represent God's Rainbows,
seven colours you find and then
there are seven days, to complete a week,
or the seven ages of man.

When time has rolled by, in a few years or so
it might just be you sitting there (point to Worshipful Master's Pedestal)
you can see that this Apron is different (point to Master's Apron)
it's the Apron that all Masters wear.

It has three levels, there's no rosettes
and a badge with a Level too,
so now, I ask you this question
will this Apron, one day, be on you ?

if you go in the Chair, this Apron you'll wear,
then some years after that, I reckon
another one, like the one he wears, (point to Provincial Officer)
As Provincial Honours will beckon

another Apron, befitting the Rank
and the Badge of the Office they hold
a darker blue and still the white,
with Braid, Chains and Levels of Gold.

Look at the Badge, it will tell you his Rank,
be it Deacon or maybe DC.
There is much to be learned when you look round a Lodge
and you study the Aprons you see

Grand Officers wear a special one
and a collar embroidered in gold.
You'll know it when you see one,
You won't even have to be told.

So, if you're perplexed by the Aprons of Masons
and the differences of what you've seen.
This short explanation will help you, I hope,
of the Aprons and just what they mean.

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