

# THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

### **PROPER MASONIC ATTIRE FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

#### **Applicability and Responsibility**

This document applies specifically to elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies, District Lecturers and Associate Grand Marshals or Chaplains. It may be used as a guide by Lodges for their officers to the extent desired. Lodges, whether or not they choose to use formal dress, should endeavor to have their Officer corps dress similarly in order to present a uniform appearance.

Responsibility for maintaining this document rests with the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies, with the approval of the Grand Master.

#### **Discussion**

A guide to proper attire is generally shown on the Grand Master's Trestleboard each month. Each event is marked with one of the following symbols:

- F = FORMAL
- S = SEMI-FORMAL
- C = CASUAL

#### **Exceptions & Special Notes:**

Investiture at Grand Lodge (for DD, DL and AGM/C)

Dark Business Suit!

Do NOT wear a Tuxedo to your Grand Lodge Investiture!

District Deputy Presentations

ALWAYS FORMAL!

Visitation Duty at the Masonic Healthcare Center:

Dress should be semi-formal. Do NOT wear a Tuxedo. Do wear a Jacket and tie. Wear your NAME TAG.

Grand Master's Day:

Formal for the parade. Thereafter, you may change to casual attire, which should, however, be neat.

## Elements of Proper Attire

### Formal

#### Tuxedo

Labor day to Memorial day, **not inclusive**.

Black tuxedo suit

Memorial day to Labor day, **inclusive** (exception being funerals)

White dinner jacket with black tux pants

#### Tie & Cummerbund

Bow tie and cummerbund or vest. Black only.

#### Socks & Shoes

Black socks and black shoes

Shoes may be patent or polished leather.

#### Shirt

Formal tuxedo shirt with small front pleats and spread collar or regular plain white dress shirt. Studs are optional.

(Unacceptable are:

Colored shirts – plain or tuxedo, ruffled tuxedo or plain shirt with dickey, shirts with upturned “wing” collars and sport shirts.

#### Hat

Black top hat is standard for the Senior Grand Lodge Officer or District Deputy.

Grand lodge staff officers (Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Organist, Historian, Tiler, Lecturers and Associate Grand Marshals, etc.) should not wear a hat if they are the senior officer present, as they do not have authority to demand the gavel, but may accept it if offered to them.

#### Name Tag

Always wear your name tag at any event you attend.

#### Jewels and Pins

Blue lodge jewels and a maximum of two lapel pins may be worn. Multiple pins destroy the simple elegance of formal attire.

### Semi-formal

Regular business suit or slacks and sport coat, with dress shirt and tie, dress shoes and socks. Wear your name tag.

### Casual

Sports clothing, etc. Be guided by the nature of the event you will be attending, but be neat. Torn jeans or cutoffs are not considered acceptable.